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Washington, DC 20515

December 15, 2011

Mr. F. Michael Ball
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Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dear Mr. Ball:

We are writing to thank you for the information provided by Hospira officials regarding your policies towards, and interactions with, so-called "gray market" drug companies.

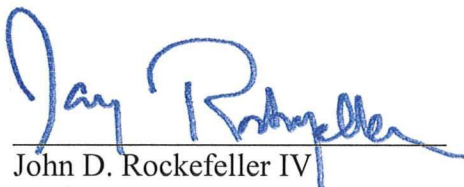
In particular, we understand that in October of last year, Hospira determined that Superior Medical Supply of Colorado was actively purchasing drugs in critically short supply from your company in order to sell them to hospitals at highly inflated prices. As a result, Hospira officials reported that they ended any further relationship with Superior and no longer sell drugs to that company.

We are writing to request any additional information you can provide relating to Superior, including any specific information or documents regarding actions that led Hospira to stop doing business with this company. We would also appreciate if you could provide information or documents relating to any other companies that Hospira has determined that it will no longer sell drugs to as a result of similar concerns.


If possible, we would appreciate a response to this request by January 5, 2012. If you have any questions about this request, please contact John Williams at (202) 224-1300, Beth Stein at (202) 224-2931, or Chris Knauer at (202) 225-5051.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation



Tom Harkin
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health,
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Michael B. Enzi, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Darrell E. Issa, Chairman
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