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Capitol Hill Focuses Attention on Safe Drugs.

On April 22, 2008, we submitted a statement to Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee Hearing on "FDA's Foreign Drug Inspection Program: Weaknesses Place Americans at Risk." We must give the FDA resources to open permanent field offices staffed with both inspectors and criminal investigators—in China, India and other key exporting countries.

A week later, we told the same Subcommittee that these inspectors and criminal investigators need to be armed with the same authority as their State-side colleagues to enter and inspect foreign manufacturing facilities without previous notice.

In our April 24 testimony, we urged the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to give the FDA all the tools it needs to fix the problems with its foreign drug inspection program—including a dramatic, and sustained, funding increase.

On May 1, we advised the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health the FDA needs authority to destroy unapproved drugs entering our country rather than merely returning them to the criminals who sent them here in the first place.

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