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Honorable Ms Axelrad,

1. Thanks for your 1/25/07 letter. We thank you for considering our petition.
2. Additional support for our petition: FDA requires reasonable legibility elsewhere:
  - a. Minimum font size 8 for prescription drug labels (Requirements on Content and Format of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products. Final Rule. 21CFR,201,314,601. Food and Drug Administration.  
[www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/98fr/06-545.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/98fr/06-545.pdf). Accessed January 31, 2007).
  - b. For Pharmaceutical Marketing Applications, FDA recommends "Times New Roman 12 point" (Common Technical Document. Submitting Marketing Applications.  
[www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/4707dft.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/4707dft.pdf). Accessed January 31, 2007).
3. No such font-size criteria exist for Expiration Dates on drug containers - occasionally we overlook the obvious!
4. Our research and petition underscore a critical need to improve Expiration Date legibility via regulatory or industry action.
5. We brought this issue to the attention of the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers' Association thrice. They did not even reply. In view of their apathy, we have had to file this petition.
6. Could you kindly add as an additional petitioner: Sonia Lohiya.

We hope you will approve our petition.

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