DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



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Food and Drug Administration Rockville MD 20857

The Honorable James H. Douglas 7 FEB -1 49:43 Governor, State of Vermont

The Honorable Jim Doyle Governor, State of Wisconsin

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty Governor, State of Minnesota

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius Governor, State of Kansas

c/o Jason D. Rohloff Director of Federal Affairs Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty 400 North Capitol Street, Suite 380 Washington, D.C. 20001

> Docket No. 2006P-0306/CP1 Re:

Dear Governors Douglas, Doyle, Pawlenty, and Sebelius:

I am writing to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet resolved the issues raised in your citizen petition submitted on August 3, 2006, on behalf of the States of Kansas, Minnesota, Vermont, and Wisconsin. Your petition requests that FDA promptly issue guidance documents outlining the specific approval requirements for forms of insulin and human growth hormone that are therapeutically equivalent to products currently approved by the FDA.

FDA has been unable to reach a decision on your petition because it raises complex issues requiring extensive review and analysis by Agency officials. This interim response is provided in accordance with FDA regulations on citizen petitions (21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)). We will respond to your petition as soon as we have reached a decision on your request.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Axelrad

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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