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Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein
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Dear Dr. Sharfstein:

I am writing to invite you to testify at a hearing of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on **Thursday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m. in room HVC-210 of the Capitol Visitor Center. The CVC is located below the East Plaza of the Capitol on First Street, SE between Constitution and Independence Avenues. Please arrive 45 minutes early in order to get through security.** Directions to the hearing room are included in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

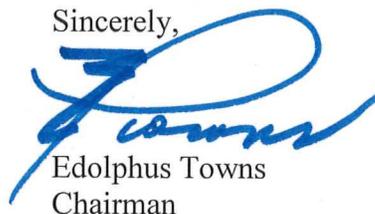
The hearing will examine the circumstances surrounding the recall of over 135 million bottles of infant and children's medicines produced by Johnson & Johnson/McNeil Consumer Healthcare, including such widely used products as Children's Tylenol, Infants' Tylenol, Children's Motrin, and Children's Benadryl. The hearing will also examine the circumstances surrounding the "phantom recall" of a certain adult Motrin product, which became public as a result of the Committee's hearing on May 27, 2010, at which you also testified.

You may submit written testimony for the record, of any reasonable length. In addition to your written testimony, you should be prepared to provide a five minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members of the Committee.

Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet. In particular, please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two days prior to the hearing.

Should you have any questions, please contact John Arlington or Chris Staszak of the Committee staff at 202-225-5051.

Sincerely,



Edolphus Towns
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Darrell Issa, Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

WITNESS INFORMATION SHEET

The following is a summary of some of the pertinent rules and procedures applicable to witnesses testifying before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:

- Witnesses should provide 100 copies of their written testimony to Carla Hultberg, Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via e-mail to carla.hultberg@mail.house.gov.
- At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions.
- House Rule XI clause 2(g)(4) requires that witnesses appearing in a nongovernmental capacity submit to the Committee in advance of the hearing “a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness.” (See the attached form.)
- The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances; however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
- Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
- Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at www.oversight.house.gov.
- The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. The jurisdiction of the Committee is set forth in the House Rules X, clauses 1(m), 2, 3, and 4.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5051.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CVC HEARING ROOM (HVC-210)

Enter the Capitol Visitor Center through the First Street, SE, entrance. After clearing security and are inside the Visitor Center, you will turn left and then right at the two statues. Take the stairs or elevator down to the next level. At the bottom of the stairs, you will take a left. Walk past the astronaut statue to the three metal doors labeled "U.S. House of Representatives Meeting Rooms." Please stop at the appointments desk to the left of these doors to show ID and obtain a pass before entering. Proceed down this hallway to the hearing room, HVC-210, which is the 2nd door on the right. Please check in with the clerk of the Committee when you arrive.

If you need assistance with finding the room, please go to the appointments desk in the CVC or back to security and they will be able to help you or you can also phone the Committee office at 202-225-5051.