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Scott Gottlieb, MD  
Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Ave  
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Re: Prescription drugs purchased by Floridians from Canada

Dear Commissioner Gottlieb,

We are forwarding you letters from physicians and other health care professionals our offices have received regarding prescription drugs purchased by Floridians for personal use from Canada through the help of so-called pharmacy storefronts or through international online pharmacies.

Recently, we have heard from constituents that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has apparently raided some of the storefronts in central Florida. These recent actions appear to be inconsistent with previous exercises of discretion in the area of pharmacy storefronts that are reported to help Floridians order drugs from outside the United States.

We would appreciate, consistent with your policies and procedures, a review of activity and enforcement regarding pharmacy storefronts and their efforts to help Floridians acquire drugs brought into the country for individual use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kathy Castor in blue ink.

Kathy Castor  
Member of Congress

Handwritten signature of Gus M. Bilirakis in blue ink.

Gus M. Bilirakis  
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