

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 22, 2020

Commissioner Stephen H. Hahn, M.D.
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Dear Commissioner Hahn,

We are writing again regarding FDA's draft Guidance for Industry (GFI) #256, "Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances ("GFI #256")". We are grateful that FDA extended the deadline of the original comment period to June 17, 2020 as we requested and as was requested by other stakeholders.

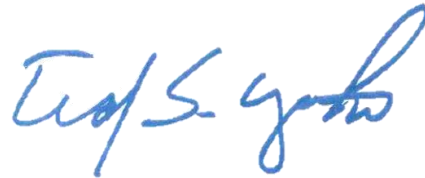
Because of the current and unprecedented situation with Covid-19 and the widespread shutdown of much of our nation's economy, we respectfully ask that this comment period be extended again for an additional six months. We believe this is necessary to fully examine and consider the comprehensive changes proposed by GFI #256 to veterinary medicine. Stakeholders, including veterinarians, pet owners and pharmacies, are currently distracted and need more time to effectively provide the kind of input necessary for FDA to make appropriate decisions regarding this draft guidance.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter. Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schrader, DVM
Member of Congress



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