

Connie R. Woodburn
Senior Vice President,
Professional & Government
Relations

Cardinal Health
7000 Cardinal Place
Dublin, OH 43017
tel 614.757.7769
fax 614.757.8769
connie.woodburn@cardinal.com



CardinalHealth

November 20, 2003

The Honorable Bill Thomas
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thomas:

Cardinal Health is the leading provider of products and services supporting the health care industry. Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, Cardinal Health employs over 50,000 associates on six continents and produces annual revenues that exceed \$50 billion.

As a major entity supporting the provision of health care in the U.S., we strongly support increased access to health care for seniors. Pharmaceutical therapy is a cornerstone of maintaining health and treating disease. As such, Cardinal Health supports legislation that expands access to pharmaceuticals to seniors in a safe and cost-effective manner while recognizing the critical role played by America's pharmacists.

While we have not yet seen the legislation in its entirety, the published reports are very encouraging. Based upon what is in the public domain, we support the basic tenets included in the bill. We also support the decision to limit reimportation/importation of drugs from Canada until the FDA further studies the issue and the Secretary of Health and Human Services certifies the process to be safe and cost-effective.

The regulatory process remains critical as issues are further defined and made workable for today's environment. However, providing additional pharmaceutical coverage for seniors represents a critical first step.

On behalf of our companies and our associates, we thank you for your leadership and we offer our support in this critical endeavor.

Sincerely,

Connie R. Woodburn
Senior Vice President, Professional & Government Relations