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Dear Steve:

Thank you for your letter during the Senate's consideration of the drug price competition and patent term restoration bill.

The Senate passed the bill before the August recess, and just last week the House passed a slightly different version. On Wednesday of this week the Senate agreed to the House version and it is on its way to the President. For the past four years I have actively advocated patent term restoration for important inventions that undergo a lengthy regulatory approval process. I am convinced that the bill we have passed will strengthen the patent protection for new medicines and stimulate more research and innovation in the pharmaceutical field in the years ahead. I know you share my pleasure in this result.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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