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sustained vigilance from all of us. Drugs of this type are intrinsically attractive to a segment of our population and, at least for the foreseeable future, will remain so.

Control of the abuse problem in our society will require the continuing effort of many parties, as these hearings have made clear -- physicians, pharmacists, the drug industry, education, and law enforcement agencies. FDA is proud of its record in the past in handling the anorectic drugs, and we look forward to maintaining that record in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman; this concludes my statement. My staff and I would be most willing to answer any questions you may have.