

12014 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

EXHIBITS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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(BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MONOPOLIES
(U.S. SENATE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE
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MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

MY NAME IS CARLO MICHELOTTI. I AM THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE
MEDI-CAL BENEFITS SECTION, CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
MY PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND IS AS A PHARMACIST. I WAS EDUCATED
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HAVE
POST-GRADUATE TRAINING IN MANUFACTURING PHARMACY AND IN
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY. I PRACTICED COMMUNITY PHARMACY
FOR SOME 11 YEARS PRIOR TO COMING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH IN 1972. ADDITIONALLY, I AM CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A
GRADUATE PROGRAM LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC
HEALTH.

I AM HERE TODAY TO PRESENT TO YOU A PROFILE OF THE CEILING PRICE
PROGRAM FOR DRUGS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MEDICAID PROGRAM IN
CALIFORNIA. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TESTIMONY IS TO SHARE THIS
EXPERIENCE AND IN DOING SO EXTEND THE SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE PROPOSED FEDERAL MAC PROGRAM SUBJECT
TO THE SUGGESTED TECHNICAL CHANGES NOTED IN OUR LETTER OF
JANUARY 8, 1975 PROVIDING COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS.
A COPY OF THAT LETTER IS AN ATTACHMENT TO THIS TESTIMONY. THE
BEST WAY TO PROCEED, I FEEL, IS TO PRESENT A CHRONOLOGY OF