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HE Hearing on “Reauthorization of the Animal Drug User Fee Programs”

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- March 21, 2023, GADA letter to Reps. Pence and Schrier supporting H.R. 1418



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The Honorable Greg Pence
U.S. Representative
United State House of Representatives
404 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Kim Schrier
U.S. Representative
United State House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Pence and Schrier:

The Generic Animal Drug Alliance (GADA) applauds the introduction and supports the passage of H.R. 1418, the Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023, to reauthorize two user fee programs for the approval of new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs. H.R.1418 will ensure the continued development of safe and effective drugs for agricultural and pet care use, and provide more affordable animal medical care options to ranchers, farmers, and pet owners.

GADA, an independent, nonprofit trade association, represents the interests of the majority of drug makers holding more than half of the currently approved Abbreviated New Animal Drug Applications (ANADAs) as well as investigational files for ANADAs, and ANADAs pending approval by FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM).

The passage of H.R. 1418 will provide CVM with the required resources to review applications within the required timeframes, in turn providing a more predictable environment for industry to pursue more new and abbreviated new animal drug applications. This brings more animal drugs to market sooner, both generic and pioneer, and incentivizes innovation and development.

According to a report by the USDA, the use of generic animal drugs reduces the cost of animal healthcare for farmers and ranchers. The report estimates that the availability of generic animal drugs has saved the livestock industry over \$1 billion in animal healthcare costs. Similarly, pet owners have also benefited from the availability of generic animal drugs: according to a study by the Federal Trade Commission, the availability of generic pet medications has saved pet owners an estimated \$8 billion to \$10 billion over the past decade.

Thus, reauthorization of this user fee legislation is crucial to continuing to make the pursuit of animal drug approvals viable, to promoting a healthy generic drug industry, and to continuing to increase the number of generic animal drugs on the market, bringing safe and effective cost-effective drug alternatives to our nation's animals.

Sincerely,

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