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Re: December 17, 2020 Hearing By
Committee on Oversight and Reform

Dear Ms. LaNier and Ms. Stratton:

Our firm represents Dr. Craig Landau, President and CEO of Purdue Pharma L.P. On December 17, 2020, Dr. Landau testified at an Oversight and Reform Committee hearing entitled “The Role of Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family in the Opioid Epidemic.” As discussed below, the official transcript of the hearing – which was made publicly available on March 8, 2021 – includes four errors that alter the substance of Dr. Landau’s testimony. We respectfully request that these errors in the transcript be corrected and that this letter be entered into the hearing record.

1. During his questioning of Dr. Landau, Representative Grothman asked: “What kind of marketing strategies did Purdue utilize to increase sales of OxyContin?” (Hearing Transcript (“Tr.”) 14.) According to the transcript, Dr. Landau stated in response: “. . . I wasn’t responsible for setting up marketing and had no underlying expertise. Sorry, I –.” (*Id.*) Review of the video recording of the hearing, however, confirms that Dr. Landau actually stated: “. . . I wasn’t responsible for *sales and* marketing and had no underlying expertise, *so I –.*” *See* 1:04:14 - 1:04:20 on the video of the hearing, *available at* <https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/the-role-of-purdue-pharma-and-the-sackler-family-in-the-opioid-epidemic> (“Hearing Video”).

2. During his questioning of Dr. Landau, Representative Krishnamoorthi inquired about a draft presentation slide regarding responsibility for opioid-related deaths. The relevant portion of the exchange is reflected on page 27 of the transcript, as follows:

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Dr. LANDAU: With respect, Representative, that wasn't a slide that was presented. And, actually, it was not a final slide; it was material in preparation for a meeting with –

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI: I see. So, you don't feel responsible. Is that what you're saying?

Dr. LANDAU: Absolutely not, is what I'm saying.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Oh, OK. Very good.
Well, let me ask you this . . .

Review of the video recording of the hearing confirms that, after Representative Krishnamoorthi remarked, "Oh, OK. Very good," Dr. Landau made the following additional comment that is omitted from the transcript: "That's absolutely not what I'm saying."¹ *See Hearing Video, 1:50:24 - 1:50:43.*

3. Representative Krishnamoorthi then asked Dr. Landau: "You do admit that Purdue Pharma just admitted to committing three felonies, correct?" (Tr. 27.) The transcript records Dr. Landau's response as: "Representative, at no time in my Purdue career was I a witness –." (*Id.*) Dr. Landau actually responded: "Representative, at no time in my Purdue career was I *aware* –." *See Hearing Video, 1:50:59 - 1:51:06.*

4. Finally, towards the end of Representative Krishnamoorthi's questioning, the transcript records Dr. Landau as stating: "Representative, I agree accountability is critical. And as a –." (Tr. 27.) The transcript truncates Dr. Landau's testimony. Review of the video recording of the hearing confirms that Dr. Landau testified: "Representative, I agree accountability is critical. And as a *matter of the bankruptcy I have* –." *See Hearing Video, 1:52:58 - 1:53:03.*

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Linda Imes

¹ An unofficial CQ transcript of the hearing records the fact that Dr. Landau made an additional comment but characterizes it as "(INAUDIBLE)." In fact, however, the substance of Dr. Landau's comment is audible in the Hearing Video.