June 22, 2007

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Chairman  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael B. Enzi  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Kennedy and Ranking Member Enzi:

I am writing in regard to my May 9, 2007 vote on Amendment 1034 to S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007. This amendment would allow only one FDA Advisory Committee panel member to receive a conflict of interest waiver if that individual is thought to have essential expertise.

I was incorrectly recorded as voting against this amendment; I should have been recorded as voting in favor of this amendment. I did not realize that I was incorrectly recorded until reading press accounts after the vote occurred. As you move to conference on this legislation, I urge inclusion of the Durbin Amendment in the final bill.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

cc: The Honorable Richard Durbin