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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1976

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 in the amount of $16,388,000 for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur in his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

Gerald R. Ford

Enclosure

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 21, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration an amendment to the appropriations requested in the budget for fiscal year 1977 involving an increase in the amount of $16,388,000, for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
323	Salaries and expenses	$223,105,000	$16,388,000	$239,493,000

The additional amount requested will fund a comprehensive new Food and Drug Administration program to monitor the conduct of tests by industry to determine the safety of human drugs and food additives. Recent investigations have revealed serious deficiencies in the testing of new drugs and food additives. It is necessary that these deficiencies be corrected. To assure the safety of drugs and food additives, the proposed program will provide close monitoring of preclinical and clinical testing of drugs and food additives and reevaluation of currently used food additives.

I have carefully reviewed this amendment and am satisfied that the request is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

James T. Lynn
Director