



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Food and Drug Administration 100th Anniversary: How Much Safer Are We Today?

No Celebrating for Victims Who Took Prescription Drugs with Hidden Safety Info

(Washington, DC) – As the Food and Drug Administration celebrates its 100th anniversary this week, consumers still find themselves at risk from dangerous medicines that the FDA was created a century ago to protect them from.

Families who recently lost loved ones to some of these prescription drugs will be on Capitol Hill **Thursday** to ask why Congress hasn't held hearings on bills that would dramatically improve our nation's drug safety laws and stop the drug industry from hiding important safety information.

Who: Families of victims of unsafe prescription medications; Rosa DeLauro (CT), Jim Ramstad (MN), Reps. Maurice Hinchey (NY) , John F. Tierney (MA)

Why: To urge Congress to pass stalled drug safety measures:

- Public drug trial registry
- Post-market safety monitoring and enforcement
- Limiting new drug advertising and marketing

When: 12:30 - 1 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2006
Room 121, Cannon House Office Building

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