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"Not all answers are found in a prescription pad."

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Oversight and Investigation Committee

Honorable Members: Stupak, Dingell, Waxman, Whitfield, Melancon, Schakowsky, Inslee, Green, Doyle, Barton, Burgess, Murphy, Waldon and Mr. Ferguson

RE: Eli Lilly Investigation

Respectfully,

I am requesting that you review several pieces of information recently published by the New York Times regarding the actions that Eli Lilly took when they suppressed research data about their most profitable drug, Zyprexa. The information provided by Atty. Jim Gottstein, of Psychrights.org, clearly demonstrates how Eli Lilly's knew that Zyprexa would cause serious Adverse Drug Reactions and side effects, effects that would lead to unnecessary deaths and illnesses of thousands of people. These behaviors lead me to believe these actions are not only immoral and unethical, but criminal.

Based upon my own review of the data, I am requesting that you as our investigative committee aggressively take charge and investigate these behaviors by Eli Lilly and failings of our FDA to enact change to provide true protection from harmful drugs.

As a doctor I am outraged by Eli Lilly's apparent criminal and at least immoral business practices. Eli Lilly knew the outcome and yet not only withheld this information but actually *promoted the drug for the most vulnerable portion of the population*, namely the elderly! I have patients who were given this drug without proper informed consent and I was also misled by Eli Lilly about the harmful and deadly effects of this drug. Based upon the New York Times own investigation and hundreds of millions of dollars that Eli Lilly has already paid out to victims, it appears undisputable that Eli Lilly and specific employees of this company knew this drug would cause people to die.

I plea with you as the only people in a position to enact change and send a message to all of the powerful companies that they can not continue to place profits over peoples lives. If it is appropriate for your office and position, I would be happy to consult with your office and donate any time that is needed to further investigate these behaviors and harm that was done to so many thousands of patients.

Kindest regards,

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