Dear Congressman/woman; Senator,

I am a licensed veterinarian practicing in Florida, and a constituent of your district. I am writing to you because of the grave concerns I have regarding the FDA’s Draft Guidance for Industry #256, “Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances” (“GFI #256").

This GFI would have the following negative effects on me, and other practicing veterinarians and business owners in this state, if it were to be finalized in its current form:

1. It would severely restrict myaccess to compounded medications and constrain my ability to treat patients in the most timely and effective ways.
2. 36 of the 38 most-frequently prescribed medications, which are compounded from bulk ingredients, would *no longer be available* to me to treat my patients.
3. The cost of compounded medications[**would increase an *average* of 300%**](https://www.mymedsmatter.com/why-compounding-finished-goods-will-increase-costs) and by as much as 3,000%, as the FDA is proposing a scientifically unsound method for compounding. They propose medicines be compounded from manufactured tablets and capsules instead of bulk pharmaceutical ingredients purchased from FDA-registered suppliers.
4. Veterinarians would be burdened with new requirements to justify *why* we have prescribed a compounded medication when human-health physicians have no such requirement.

If this GFI is finalized in its current form, much needed medications would cease to exist and/or become so exorbitantly high in cost that pet owners would not be able to afford them. Sick, injured, and elderly pets and animals would needlessly suffer, and potentially die, because medications would be financially unattainable.

The FDA must modify or withdraw the guidance so that it: is in compliance with existing laws, does not increase the cost of animal health care or restrict the safe pharmaceutical options available to me in my practice. I, therefore, call on you Congressman/Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_, as my elected representative in the House/Senate, to protect my ability to treat my patients in the most timely, effective, and cost effective manner by signing on to the Congressional Letter expressing concern that GFI #256 will negatively impact the practice of veterinary medicine in Florida and the health and well-being of animals across the state.

The Congressional Letter can be found [here](https://files.constantcontact.com/a5a46b83501/084141d7-0e31-4f8c-a875-3485d177b84e.pdf).

Sincerely,

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