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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

September 19, 2007

The Honorable Betty McCollum  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative McCollum:

Thank you again for the letter to the Federal Trade Commission from you and other Members of Congress regarding the consent agreement that the Commission accepted for public comment on June 1, 2007, in *In the Matter of Rite Aid Corporation and Jean Coutu Group, Inc.*, File No. 0610257, Docket No. C-4191. We have accepted your letter as a public comment on the consent agreement, and we have placed it on the public record of the proceeding and on the public Commission Website.<sup>1</sup>

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The Honorable Tom Udall  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Udall:

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The Honorable Mike Honda  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Honda:

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The Honorable Barbara Lee  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Lee:

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The Honorable Sam Farr  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Farr:

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The Honorable Anthony Weiner  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Weiner:

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The Honorable Edolphus Towns  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Towns:

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The Honorable Al Green  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Green:

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The Honorable John Hall  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Hall:

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The Honorable Peter Welch  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Welch:

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The Honorable Steven Rothman  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Rothman:

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The Honorable Sue Myrick  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Myrick:

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The Honorable Yvette Clarke  
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Dear Representative Clarke:

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The Honorable Hilda Solis  
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September 19, 2007

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lowey:

Thank you again for the letter to the Federal Trade Commission from you and other Members of Congress regarding the consent agreement that the Commission accepted for public comment on June 1, 2007, in *In the Matter of Rite Aid Corporation and Jean Coutu Group, Inc.*, File No. 0610257, Docket No. C-4191. We have accepted your letter as a public comment on the consent agreement, and we have placed it on the public record of the proceeding and on the public Commission Website.<sup>16</sup>

The Commissioners and the appropriate members of the Commission staff received and reviewed your letter and carefully considered the concerns contained therein. In seeking to prevent mergers and acquisitions that may substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly, the Commission's analysis of this proposed transaction was duly focused on those factors that affect competition and consumer welfare. To this end, the Commission approved a consent order for this transaction which addressed the competitive concerns raised by the transaction. The Commission's consent order required the respondents to divest 23 pharmacies to Commission-approved buyers, thereby preserving both competition and its concomitant benefits to consumers in these relevant markets. After due consideration of your letter, the Commission has determined that the Commission's statutory antitrust authority - to prevent mergers and acquisitions that may substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in one or more relevant markets in violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act and Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act - does not provide a basis for considering effects that a given merger or acquisition may have on factors other than competition.

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The Honorable Robert Brady  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Brady:

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The Honorable Ron Klein  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Klein:

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The Honorable Danny Davis  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

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The Honorable Shelley Berkley  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Berkley:

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kaptur:

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The Honorable José Serrano  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Serrano:

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The Honorable Joseph Crowley  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Crowley:

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The Honorable James Clyburn  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Clyburn:

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The Honorable Vito Fossella  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Fossella:

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