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The Honorable Tom Burchett U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Burchett:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General, dated October 22, 2019, regarding the rise in insulin pricing. The Department of Justice (Department) appreciates your interest in this matter.

Please be assured that the Department is strongly committed to protecting competition in the pharmaceutical industry, including the market for insulin. The Department's Antitrust Division is aware of the issues raised in your letter. If the Department determines there is evidence that firms in the pharmaceutical industry are engaged in illegal coordination, it will thoroughly investigate such conduct and take whatever enforcement action is necessary to promote and protect competition.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General