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Health, Education, Labor and Pensions**

Michael B. Enzi (Wyoming), Chairman



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***STATEMENT OF U.S. SENATOR MIKE ENZI (R-WY), CHAIRMAN, SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS:***

“I am pleased that the President has nominated Andrew von Eschenbach as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and I will review his nomination as quickly as possible. The FDA is at a crucial point in its history and needs a leader with the vision to cope with the many advances in genetics, pharmacology and related fields, which will test the agency’s regulatory processes.

“I look forward to hearing how Dr. von Eschenbach would lead the FDA in promoting and protecting the public health. It is vital that the agency be led with a strong commitment to sound science and in an atmosphere free from political agendas.”

Dr. von Eschenbach has been serving as Acting Commissioner of the FDA since September 2005.

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