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KENNEDY ON FDA FUNDING REPORT

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, released the following statement in response to the report presented by the Food and Drug Administration's Science Board.

“The Bush Administration needs to take this report as a wake-up call that our citizens are being placed at great risk every single day that it fails to provide the FDA with the resources to do its job. This report also recognizes that our country's leadership in new technologies and emerging science is at risk. Failure to fund the FDA will cost America in terms of reduced competitiveness and lost jobs. This report is a call to action, and the Bush Administration must heed the call.”

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