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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.¹

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The Honorable Mike Honda
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Honda:

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

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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Jackson Lee:

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

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

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The Honorable Danny Davis
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Shelley Berkley
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Berkley:

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The Honorable José Serrano
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Joseph Crowley
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable James Clyburn
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The Honorable Vito Fossella
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