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## Via Electronic Transmission

Ruth Hughes, PhD  
Chief Executive Officer  
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder  
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Dear Dr. Hughes:

In December 2009, I asked for an accounting of industry funding that the Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) receives from pharmaceutical and medical device companies as well as foundations established by these companies or the insurance industry. I appreciate your response, which I have attached to this letter. I write today to follow up on any efforts by your organization to improve transparency and accountability in its relationships with the pharmaceutical and device industries.

As I stated in my previous letter, I started my inquiry, in part, as a result of accounts documenting the lack of transparency in financial relationships between the pharmaceutical industry and nonprofit health and medical organizations. Specifically, I cited the April 2008 article in *The Wall Street Journal*, which reported that industry representatives, including ten major drug companies, had formed a coalition to promote looser restrictions on off-label marketing.<sup>1</sup> The coalition had asked the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to speak in favor of this issue.

In response to my concerns in my April 2009 letter to NAMI, NAMI began to voluntarily disclose to the public any amount of funding exceeding \$5,000 that it received from pharmaceutical companies and foundations on its website. Further, NAMI began to provide a brief description of the purpose of the funding on its website. I commend NAMI for its leadership and had hoped that when I reached out to your organization and 32 others, your organization would follow NAMI's example and begin posting similar funding information on CHADD's website.

As of the date of this letter, it appears that your organization has taken steps to identify on its website the corporate or industry sponsors and their range of funding support. However, the website does not specify the purposes of that funding. If CHADD is currently taking steps to

<sup>1</sup> Alicia Mundy, "Off-Label Use of Drugs Gets a Push --- Big Pharma Lobbies Washington to Relax Rules on Marketing," *The Wall Street Journal*, April 18, 2008.

further enhance the transparency of its financial relationships with the pharmaceutical and device industries, I would appreciate information regarding those steps. In particular, please state whether or not CHADD will be adding information in the future about the purpose of the funding it receives. If not, please explain why not.

The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) recommended in a report to Congress in March 2009 that Congress require that pharmaceutical and device companies report their financial relationships with physician groups, patient organizations, and others. More specifically MedPAC said the following:

Given the potential benefits of public reporting, we recommend that the Congress mandate the reporting of comprehensive information on industry relationships with physicians and other health care entities and that the Secretary post this information on a public searchable website.<sup>2</sup>

MedPAC then went on to say in Recommendation 5-1 that:

The Congress should require all manufacturers and distributors of drugs, biologicals, medical devices, and medical supplies (and their subsidiaries) to report to the Secretary their financial relationship with:...physician groups and other prescribers...patient organizations; and professional organizations.<sup>3</sup>

I look forward to working with you and other health and medical organizations to further increase sunshine on financial relationships.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention in this matter. I would appreciate a response by May 25, 2011. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Downey for the Committee on the Judiciary at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member

Attachments

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<sup>2</sup> Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, "Public reporting of physicians' financial relationships," Report to Congress: Medicare Payment Policy, March 2009.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

# Attachment

**CHADD CORPORATE FUNDING, JANUARY 2006 TO 2009**

YEAR 2006	COMPANY	AMOUNT OF FUNDING	REASONS THE FUNDING WAS PROVIDED
	McNeil Pediatrics Division of McNeil PPC, Inc.	\$67,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$40,000	CHADD Corporate Membership
		\$100,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$15,000	CHADD Young Scientist Research Fund
		\$35,000	CHADD Membership and Chapter Services Dept. programs
		\$4,800	CHADD Exhibits at National Nonprofit Meetings
		\$50,000	CHADD Community Forums on AD/HD
	Shire US Inc.	\$130,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$60,000	CHADD Educator's Manual on AD/HD
		\$25,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$50,000	CHADD Public Education and Outreach including Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
		\$432,000 (Purchases)	CHADD Attention Magazine Bulk Purchases
	Eli Lilly and Company	\$60,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$100,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$115,000	CHADD Public Education and Outreach including Membership and Chapter Dept. support and Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
	Eli Lilly and Company Foundation	\$200,000	CHADD Educator's Manual on AD/HD/Teacher to Teacher Training Program
	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation	\$80,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
	UCB Pharma Inc.	\$55,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$90,000	CHADD Regional Conferences on AD/HD
		\$35,000	CHADD Summer Camp Awards Program
		\$75,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$65,000	CHADD Educator's Manual on AD/HD
		\$70,000	CHADD Public Education and Outreach including Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
		\$382,800 (Purchases)	CHADD Attention Magazine Bulk Purchases
	Cephalon	\$10,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$5,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
	New River Pharmaceuticals	\$5,000	CHADD General Donation

**CHADD CORPORATE FUNDING, JANUARY 2006 TO 2009**

YEAR 2007	COMPANY	AMOUNT OF FUNDING	REASONS THE FUNDING WAS PROVIDED
	McNeil Pediatrics, Division of Ortho McNeil Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$70,000 \$25,000 \$40,000 \$100,000 \$15,000 \$50,000 \$8,000 \$50,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD CHADD 20th Anniversary Dinner CHADD Corporate Membership CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD CHADD Young Scientist Research Fund CHADD Membership and Chapter Services Programs CHADD Exhibits at National Nonprofit Meetings CHADD Community Forums on AD/HD
	Shire US Inc.	\$140,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$50,000	CHADD 20th Anniversary Dinner
		\$50,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$90,000	CHADD Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
		\$25,000	CHADD General Fund Donation
	Eli Lilly and Company	\$360,000 (Purchases)	CHADD Attention Magazine Bulk Purchases
		\$28,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$25,000	CHADD 20th Anniversary Dinner
		\$100,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$125,000	CHADD Public Education and Outreach, Membership and Chapter Support, and Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation	\$45,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$10,000	CHADD 20th Anniversary Dinner
	UCB Pharma Inc.	\$55,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$4,950	CHADD 20th Anniversary Dinner
		\$95,000	CHADD Regional Conferences on AD/HD
		\$35,000	CHADD Summer Camp Awards Program
		\$25,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$10,000	CHADD Educator's Manual on AD/HD
		\$30,000	CHADD Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
		\$40,000	CHADD Public Education and Outreach

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<b>YEAR 2008</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF FUNDING</b>	<b>REASONS THE FUNDING WAS PROVIDED</b>
	McNeil Pediatrics, Division of Ortho McNeil Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$130,000 \$50,000 \$15,000 \$35,000 \$15,000 \$35,000 \$100,000 \$50,000 \$52,500  \$90,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD CHADD Corporate Membership CHADD Young Scientist Research Fund CHADD Membership and Chapter Services Programs CHADD Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD CHADD Summer Camp Awards Program CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD CHADD Community Forums on AD/HD CHADD Education/Teacher Module at CHADD Annual Conference  Publish and buy reprints of CHADD Bilingual Guides on AD/HD
	Shire US Inc.	\$145,000  \$50,000 \$90,000 \$25,000  \$75,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD CHADD Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD CHADD General Fund Donation  CHADD National and State Advocacy  CHADD Attention Magazine Bulk Purchases
	Eli Lilly and Company	\$360,000 (Purchases)  \$25,000 \$100,000 \$55,000  \$20,000 \$50,000  \$45,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD CHADD Membership and Chapter Services Programs CHADD Public Education Events CHADD Educator's Manual/Teacher to Teacher Training Program on AD/HD  CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
	Eli Lilly and Company Foundation		
	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation		

## CHADD CORPORATE FUNDING, JANUARY 2006 TO 2009

YEAR 2009	COMPANY	AMOUNT OF FUNDING	REASONS THE FUNDING WAS PROVIDED
			CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
	McNeil Pediatrics Division of Ortho McNeil Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$50,000	CHADD Summer Camp Awards Program CHADD Membership and Chapter Services Programs
		\$15,000	CHADD Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
		\$30,000	CHADD Education Conference on AD/HD
		\$35,000	CHADD Young Scientist Research Fund
		\$15,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$100,000	CHADD Corporate Membership
		\$50,000	CHADD Community Forums on AD/HD
	Shire US Inc.	\$145,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$25,000	CHADD Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD
		\$90,000	CHADD Advocacy Program
		\$25,000	CHADD Corporate Partnership
		\$30,000	CHADD Attention Magazine Bulk Purchases
	Eli Lilly and Company	\$35,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$443,000 (Purchases)	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$25,000	CHADD Education Conference on AD/HD
		\$50,000	CHADD Membership and Chapter Services Programs
		\$25,000	CHADD Public Education Events
	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation	\$10,000	CHADD Annual International Conference on AD/HD
		\$45,000	CHADD Education Initiative on AD/HD
		\$25,000	CHADD Summer Camp Awards Program
	Abbott Laboratories	\$10,000	CHADD Educator's Manual/Teacher to Teacher Training Program on AD/HD
			(CHADD FY July 1 to June 30)