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# Foreword

This report examines the relationships between patent-term extension and pharmaceutical innovation. Particular attention is paid to the social implications of patent-term extension. The report was prepared in response to a request from the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary and supporting requests from the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The Office of Technology Assessment was assisted by an advisory panel comprised of pharmaceutical industry representatives, consumer interest group spokesmen, medical professionals, lawyers, and others concerned with health care and pharmaceutical innovation. Reviewers from universities, Government, consumer interest groups, industry, and the law provided helpful comments on the draft report. The Office expresses sincere appreciation to all those individuals.

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