

## Adequate funding for FDA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for oversight of \$2.4 trillion in goods and products, which accounts for more than 20% of all consumer spending in the United States (food, drugs, devices, cosmetics, dietary supplements, nutrition, etc.) Yet, it is a relatively small agency: \$2.75 billion in budget authority appropriations in FY 17 plus funds derived from medical product user fees.

Fiscal Year Program Level: CFSAN Budget Authority Appropriations:

- FY 2014 Actual \$882,814,000
- FY 2015 Enacted \$903,403,000
- FY 2016 Enacted \$987,328,000
- FY 2017 Enacted \$1.025 billion

Despite the year-over-year increases in funding since FY14, FDA's responsibilities are growing even faster. Among the reasons are globalization, new laws (especially the Food Safety Modernization Act), and increased complexity of scientific regulation.

**For FY 18, the Administration is proposing to cut \$71 million from CFSAN.**

According to FDA's budget justifications, the following activities would be reduced: international capacity building to assure safety of imported food; cosmetics safety; research programs related to food safety technology, outbreak response, and FSMA implementation; and support to state and local health organizations.

The Alliance for a Stronger FDA has recommended that FDA receive at least an additional \$140 million in funding for FY 18 (starts October 1, 2017). This is consistent with restoring FDA food funding to its FY 17 level plus about a 3% to 4% increase.