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Honorable Philip J. Degnan Comptroller  
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**RE: TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL**

Dear Mr. Degnan:

I have been monitoring with great interest press accounts regarding the Murphy Administration's support of Teva Pharmaceutical, their New Jersey project and NJEDA tax credits awarded in connection therewith. Frankly, I am shocked and horrified. There is a never-ending list of seemingly corrupt activity by this organization that has been widely reported and publicized. Let me detail just a few examples.

- Teva paid \$85 million to Oklahoma to settle charges arising out of the opioid epidemic in that state.
- Teva paid a \$27 million fine for giving kickbacks to doctors who overprescribe medications to our senior citizens.
- Teva corruption also apparently extends overseas, where it agreed to pay over a half billion dollar fine to settle foreign corrupt practice charges.
- Local entities in New Jersey, like Newark and Camden, are fighting back by filing charges against Teva to hold them accountable and stop them from killing our families and poisoning our children.

These are just a few samples on how Teva preys on our families and most vulnerable—children and seniors. I am sure there are many more examples.

If press and other accounts are to be believed, it is incomprehensible to me the State of New Jersey would incentivize through tax dollars pharmaceutical companies like Teva that have killed and continue to cause the deaths of tens of thousands of our children and family members. What's worse, the most recent press accounts suggest these companies actively conspired together to maximize profits and sales at our expense. Truly disgusting.



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Last week, Governor Murphy asked the NJEDA to review the Teva Pharmaceutical tax credit application, as a result of these press accounts and recent allegations that have surfaced. The Murphy Administration, led by handpicked NJIEDA CEO, Tim Sullivan, oversaw the processing and approval of this Teva application. That application and approval was subsequently actively endorsed and promoted by the Murphy Administration. This entire series of actions is extremely troubling. It would appear the Administration either knew about these horrific stories and chose to do nothing, or did not do appropriate due diligence and follow-up. Either way, it is a disgrace to the people of New Jersey, particularly those who have lost family members at the hands of these companies. I cannot understand why Governor Murphy is protecting Teva.

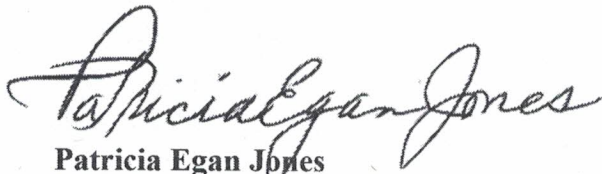
The Murphy Administration and the agency that approved this application cannot be relied upon to conduct an impartial, fair and transparent inquiry. Nor can the so-called Task Force created by Governor Murphy be entrusted with this solemn review.

Accordingly, I would request that you immediately undertake an investigation of the Teva application, including the activity of the Murphy Administration both prior to and during the application process to ascertain whether the State of New Jersey and its agencies and entities acted appropriately during this process and whether Teva made any misrepresentations or omissions on its application in order to falsely induce the NJEDA to take action.

In view of the urgency of this matter, I would respectfully request your office respond to the undersigned with 72 hours confirming it will be able to undertake this review and also confirming that an initial review and assessment will be completed and submitted to the Office of the Governor and the presiding officers of the legislature within ninety (90) days. Otherwise, I will request the law enforcement agencies copied on this letter to intervene.

I thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Honorable William Barr, United States Attorney General  
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