

1 [Urging GlaxoSmithKline to Resume Supplying Prescription Drugs to Canadian Pharmacies  
2 that sell to U.S. Prescription Holders.]

3 **Resolution urging GlaxoSmithKline to reconsider its decision to stop distribution of**  
4 **prescription drugs to Canadian pharmacies that sell to U.S. customers.**

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6 WHEREAS, On January 21, 2003, GlaxoSmithKline, the world's second largest drug  
7 maker, stopped shipping its prescription drugs to Canadian pharmacies that sell to American  
8 prescription holders on the Internet and will not resume shipment of supplies until these  
9 pharmacies stop filling U.S. prescriptions; and

10 WHEREAS, The cost of many prescription drugs are prohibitively expensive especially  
11 for people on fixed incomes and who do not have insurance; and,

12 WHEREAS, Approximately one-third of senior citizens in the United States are without  
13 prescription drug insurance; and,

14 WHEREAS, The General Accounting Office of the United States estimates that a U.S.  
15 consumer pays on average one-third more for a prescription drug than a consumer pays for  
16 an identical drug in another country; and,

17 WHEREAS, Nearly 1 million American senior citizens purchase prescription  
18 medications from Canadian pharmacies; and

19 WHEREAS, For many low income seniors, purchasing prescription drugs from  
20 Canadian pharmacies at a discount is the only way they can afford to buy the medication they  
21 need to stay healthy; and,

22 WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Pete Stark of California along with 21 members of  
23 Congress have sent GlaxoSmithKline a letter urging it to reconsider its decision; and,  
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WHEREAS, A national boycott of GlaxoSmithKline products will begin on February 20, 2003 to demonstrate the dissatisfaction of the American public with GlaxoSmithKline's policies regarding distribution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Chief Executive Office of GlaxoSmithKline, Jean-Pierre Garnier, to reconsider the decision to stop distribution of supplies to Canadian pharmacies selling prescription drugs to U.S. customers; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges everyone interested in this issue to support the national boycott of GlaxoSmithKline products until this issue is satisfactorily resolved.



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Resolution urging GlaxoSmithKline to reconsider its decision to stop distribution of prescription drugs to Canadian pharmacies that sell to U.S. customers.

February 25, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,  
Sandoval  
Excused: 1 - McGoldrick


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 25, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.