WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) issued the following statement today:

“Mr. Chairman: Thank you for allowing me to submit this statement for the record. I sit here today as a very concerned Member of this Oversight panel. How is it that after nearly a decade of documented evidence against a ‘bad player’ the FDA failed to act? Even after a letter in 2006 that threatened enforcement action?

“The issue at hand here is not whether FDA lacks the authority. It is clear that their authority was enforced when they raided the NECC this year. My worry is that the FDA may lack the leadership necessary to see these kinds of problems coming. How is it possible that in the three weeks between September 25, 2012 and October 16, 2012, more damming information was gleaned than what was gleaned over nearly a decade of documented violations by the NECC from 2003-2012? Does it take people dying for FDA to act?

“I look forward to today’s testimonies.”