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## **CRG Applauds Ongoing Investigation of Direct to Consumer Genetic Testing Industry**

Today's Congressional hearing on the direct to consumer genetic testing industry, including a damaging report from the General Accounting Office, revealed significant concerns with the accuracy of genetic test results offered to consumers, a lack of sufficient information for consumers to interpret this information and serious privacy concerns for consumers as well.

The Council for Responsible Genetics applauds the ongoing investigation of the industry by Congress and the Food and Drug Administration and stands ready to offer any assistance it can provide in this process. "It is absolutely essential that Congress and regulatory authorities act quickly to protect consumers," said Jeremy Gruber, President of the Council for Responsible Genetics.

Our public comments at the FDA public meeting on direct to consumer genetics testing on July 20, 2010 can be found on our website at

<http://www.councilforresponsiblegenetics.org/pageDocuments/A2WBUSHXSR.pdf> .

*Since 1983, the Council for Responsible Genetics has represented the public interest and fostered public debate about the social, ethical and environmental implications of genetic technologies. CRG is a leader in the movement to steer biotechnology toward the advancement of public health, environmental protection, equal justice, and respect for human rights.*