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Congress is playing a deadly shell game with FDA.

The Food and Drug Administration is supposed to assure the safety of what goes into our bodies.

The food we eat. The drugs prescribed by our doctors. The synthetic body parts, and other medical devices, that 1 in 10 Americans has had surgically implanted.

Unfortunately, FDA is broken. The public's health is being compromised to the point of negligence. The current Vioxx controversy is just the latest symptom of a system in crisis.

It's not all the agency's fault. Congress has reduced FDA's authority, slashed enforcement budgets, and weakened its legal powers.

We shouldn't have to gamble with the safety of our food, medicines, or medical implants.

Congress has an opportunity to fix this problem now. Or else continue the FDA shell game, with lax enforcement here, loopholes there, and the next deadly scandal just waiting to be uncovered.