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Is the FDA the Best Solution?

Dr. Marty Makary, a physician who took over as head of the Food and Drug Administration 13 months ago just resigned.

The decision to oust Dr. Makary was made by HHS Secretary Bobby Kennedy, according to an anonymous official. Apparently, he was caught between Trump and Republicans wanting him to cut red tape at the FDA, and his boss, Bobby Kennedy, wanting him to focus on the safety of food dyes, vaccines, and drugs. Upset drug companies and other interest groups piled on.

Approximately 45% of the FDA's budget comes from user fees paid by pharmaceutical companies. With the FDA dependent on the companies it regulates, might there be better solution for food and drug safety?

“Why is the FDA Funded in Part by the Companies It Regulates?”

C. Michael White, UConn Today (University of Connecticut), May 21, 2021: <https://today.uconn.edu/2021/05/why-is-the-fda-funded-in-part-by-the-companies-it-regulates-2/>

“Trump's FDA chief is out after angering pharma CEOs, vaping lobbyists and anti-abortion activists,” Matthew Perrone and Seung Min Kim, Associated Press, May 12, 2026:

<https://apnews.com/article/fda-trump-makary-kennedy-vaccines-drugs-ef151784342c48cca3b91a829d615b5e>

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