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STRONGER FDA**

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**All of FDA's stakeholders  
working together  
for a strong, well-funded FDA**

# FDA: Underfunded, Vitally Important

- **FDA relatively small, underfunded for decades**
- **Agency appropriated \$2.5B to oversee:**
  - 100% of drugs, vaccines, medical devices, personal care products and 80% of our nation's food supply
  - Products that are nearly 25% of all consumer spending
- **Strong FDA essential to U.S. economy, jobs, balance of trade; critical to homeland security**
- **Unlike other U.S. regulatory agencies, all stakeholders (including industry) support increased funding for the agency**

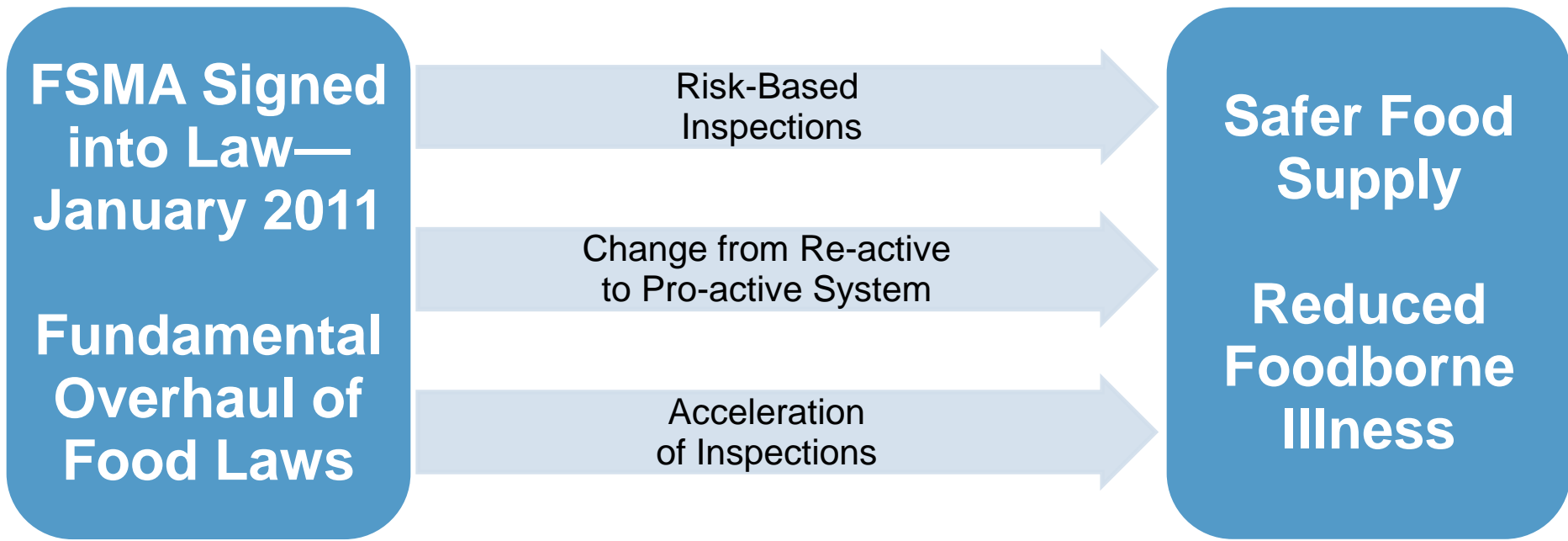
# FDA Responsibilities Grow Each Year

- **Increases in funding have prevented crisis; but not fully supported growing responsibilities**
- **From Congress:**
  - New laws: biosimilars (2010), food safety (2011), drug and device innovation and safety (2012)
  - Pending mandates: track and trace, compounding
- **From other sources:**
  - Globalization
  - Scientific complexity
  - Growth of industry

# FDA Especially Vulnerable to Cutbacks

- **FDA is a staff-intensive organization:**
  - more than 80% staff costs,
  - little grant and contracting to cut
  - rent and utilities are fixed costs--paid first
- **If cuts occur:**
  - food will be less safe and consumers may die,
  - drug and device approvals will be slower, conflicting with promises made to consumers and companies,
  - problems with imports and globalization will become more numerous (2100 fewer food inspections, per WH)

# Food Safety Modernization Act



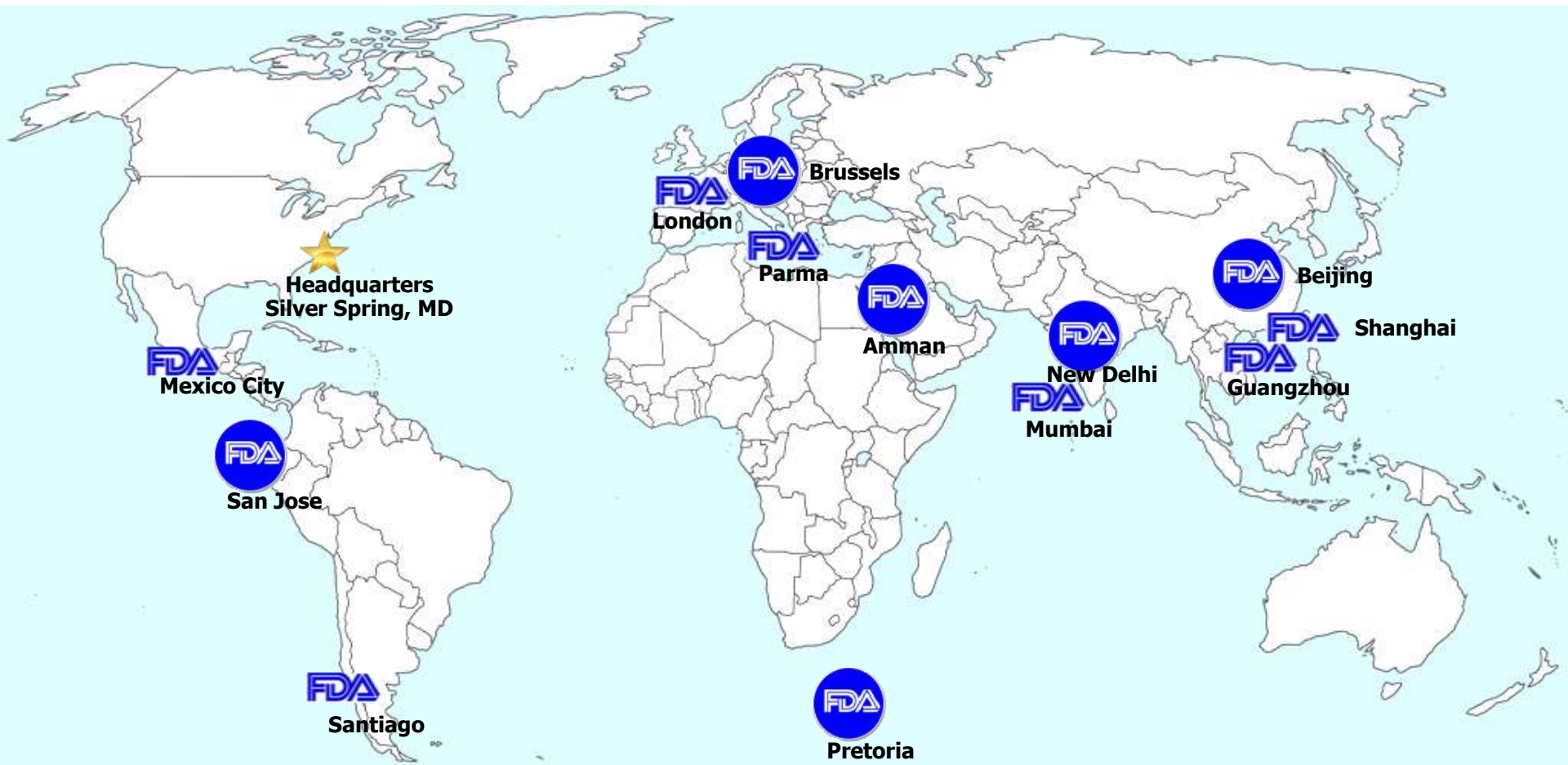
# New Drug and Device Laws

- **Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act**
  - BPCIA signed into law March 2010
  - First fully new drug approval pathway in 30 years
  - Creates competition in \$100B+ biotech drug market
- **FDA Safety and Innovation Act**
  - FDASIA signed into law July 2012
  - Overhauls drug and device approval processes
  - Dozens of new rules and programs to implement
- **3 new laws in 3 years; more expected in 2013**

## Massive increase in need for safety inspections:

- **Food Imports:** 10% annual increase from 2005-2011
  - 10-15% of all food consumed in U.S. is imported
  - Nearly 2/3 of fruits and vegetables are imported
  - 80% of seafood is imported
- **Device Imports:** 10% annual increase from 2005-2011
  - 50% of all medical devices used in the US are imported
- **Drug Imports:** 13% annual increase from 2005-2011
  - 80% of API used in the U.S. are manufactured abroad
  - 40% of finished drugs are manufactured abroad

# FDA Foreign Offices (more coming)





**Drugs,  
Devices,  
Vaccines,  
Diagnostics:**

**All Involve  
More  
Complex  
Science**

Sponsors Need More Meeting Time and  
Other Feedback from FDA

Product Applications Require More  
Patients, Study Sites, Analysis

Enhanced Timeliness and  
Consistency of Product Review

Expansion of Pre-  
and Post-Market Safety

Sustain and Increase Core Programs That  
Enhance Innovation, Speed Approvals

**Safe and  
Effective  
Medical  
Products to  
Meet Patient  
Needs**



# Drug Protocol Complexity & Execution Burden Increasing!

<b>All Therapeutic Areas, All Phases</b>	<b>00 – 03</b>	<b>04-07</b>	<b>08-11</b>	<b>Percent Change 00-11</b>
<b>Unique medical and compliance procedures per protocol (median)</b>	20.5	28.2	30.4	<b>48%</b>
<b>Total procedures per protocol (median)</b>	105.9	158.1	166.6	<b>57%</b>
<b>Total investigative site work burden (median units)</b>	28.9	44.6	47.5	<b>64%</b>
<b>Total eligibility criteria</b>	31	49	46	<b>58%</b>
<b>Median study duration in days</b>	140	154	175	<b>25%</b>
<b>Median number of CRF pages per protocol (CRF = case report forms)</b>	55	180	171	<b>227%</b>

Source: Getz, Campo, Kaitin. Variability in Protocol Design Complexity by Phase and Therapeutic Area, DIJ 2011 45(4); 413-420  
 Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development



# A strong FDA benefits all Americans

**Patients, consumers, health professionals,  
industry...and the whole world benefits, too.**

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