

## Specter Says Bush Administration Is Hindering Quick FDA Funding

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WASHINGTON -- Sen. Arlen Specter said the Bush administration is "drastically hindering" the Food and Drug Administration's ability to quickly get an important boost in funding.

In a letter sent Tuesday to Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, Sen. Specter said the FDA's request on Monday for an additional \$275 million wouldn't give them any money until March or April 2009 "at the earliest."

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