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## LEGISLATURE—FRED UPTON

As we mentioned in Chapter 1, Representative Fred Upton and his committee was instrumental in being the primary sponsor of H.R. 3204, which when signed into law became the Drug Quality and Security Act (Figure 10.9). Representative Fred Upton released this statement on November 27, 2013:

With the President's signature today, this bipartisan law will help prevent future crises like last year's deadly fungal meningitis outbreak while also establishing a unified framework for maintaining safety throughout the drug supply chain. Across the nation, Americans going to their doctor's office or pharmacy will now have the confidence that their drugs are safe. From bipartisan oversight to drafting and approving legislation, we were able to reach a compromise to protect the drug supply and also remove regulatory roadblocks, creating an environment conducive to job creation. I am thankful for the cooperation of my colleagues in both the House and the Senate, on both sides of the aisle, for their efforts in this achievement.<sup>6</sup>

Representative Upton's accomplishment was even more noteworthy because of the partisan politics that have permeated two of the three branches of government since 2008.

Congressman Fred Upton represents a House district in southwest Michigan that stretches from the shores of Lake Michigan and includes key



**FIGURE 10.9**

Representative Fred Upton. (From the Office of Representative Fred Upton. With permission.)