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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SANDELL SCOTT D	2. Date of Ever Requiring State (Month/Day/Ye 04/11/2006	ement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TARGACEPT INC [TRGT]							
(Last) (First) (Middle)	-		Relationship of Reporting Persistence (Check all applicable) Director X	on(s) to Issuer	(Mor	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				
(Street) BALTIMORE MD 21202 (City) (State) (Zip)			Officer (give title below)	Other (spe- below)		icable Line) Form filed by	/Group Filing (Check y One Reporting Person y More than One erson			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownershi Form: Direct or Indirect ((Instr. 5)	t (D) (Instr.	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securiti Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				
Series C Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	2,913,512	(1)	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Series C Preferred Stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election, and will convert automatically into Common Stock immediately upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering for no consideration.
- 2. The Reporting Person is a general partner of NEA Partners 10, Limited Partnership, which is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 10, Limited Partnership ("NEA 10"), the beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of the securities held by NEA 10, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

In addition to the shares reported herein, NEA Ventures 2002, L.P. owns Series C Preferred shares convertible into 3,154 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. The Reporting Person does not have voting nor dispositive powers over such shares. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of those shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ Louis S. Citron by Power of Attorney 04/11/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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