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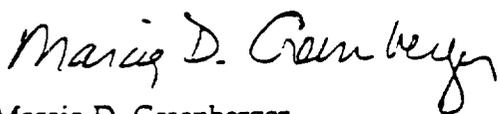
Dear Mr. Cooper:

We received your letters dated February 1 and 2, 1999, demanding that we withdraw the January 27, 1999 letter we submitted to the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") regarding your client Duramed's product, Cenestin.

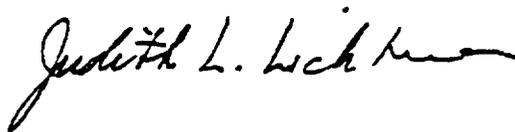
We stand by the letter we filed. We do not believe that the arguments presented in your letter undercut the correctness of our position, which is based on the reasoning behind FDA's own rejection of your client's ANDA in 1997. While you disagree with our interpretation of the import of FDA's prior action, in our view your arguments ignore the essence of the agency's decision. In any event, the FDA will have the full benefit of your arguments as to the reasons why you disagree with our position.

Our organizations are dedicated to the protection and enhancement of women's health. We believe in the importance of making our positions and concerns known to government agencies such as the FDA, when key women's health issues are under consideration. Our actions are based entirely on each of our organization's independent judgment as to how best to protect women's health. Despite your letter's efforts to impugn our integrity and motives, and to intimidate us, we will not be deterred from petitioning our government to protect women's health when we believe it is important to do so.

Sincerely,



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