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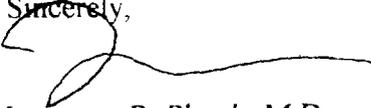
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Dear Dr. Henney:

It has come to my attention that it is possible the FDA is considering withdrawing approval of Lotronex. In my opinion this would be doing a tremendous disservice to the citizens of the United States that have diarrhea predominant irritable bowel syndrome. For the first time in 20 years I have found an effective drug for patients that will literally cure IBS symptoms completely. These patients used to be monthly visitors and I tried everything from Lomotil to Paregoric with relatively poor results. Over the past year or so I now have a dozen patients taking Lotronex with dramatic results- in fact 8 of the 12 are only taking it once a day (they were getting too constipated when taking it twice daily).

I am uncertain what problems you have been hearing about nationwide but I certainly hope you do not withdraw this agent from the market.

Sincerely,



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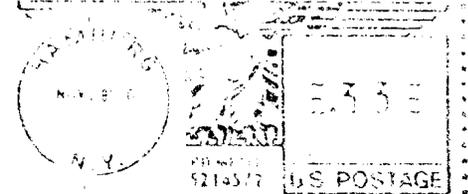
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