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**Dockets Management Branch
Food and Drug Administration, HFA-305
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852**

Re: Docket No. 02N-0209; 'FDA Request for Comments on First Amendment Issues', *Federal Register* 34942 (May 16, 2002)
Request for 60-Day Extension of Public Comment Periods

Dear Sir or Madam:

Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) is a diversified worldwide health and personal care company with principal businesses in pharmaceuticals, consumer medicines, nutritionals and medical devices. We are a leader in the research and development of innovative therapies for cardiovascular, metabolic and infectious diseases, neurological disorders, and oncology. The company has nearly 6,000 scientists and doctors committed to discovering and developing therapeutic and preventive agents that extend and enhance human life.

The FDA request for public comments on a range of First Amendment issues is of considerable interest to BMS and we are currently reviewing the issues to determine whether we will provide comments. BMS believes an extension of the comment period is warranted due to the number and complexity of the issues covered in the notice. Accordingly, BMS requests that FDA publish notice of a 60-day extension of the comment periods to September 30 (for submission of initial comments in response to this notice) and November 12 (for submission of responses to initial public comments). Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Mohr

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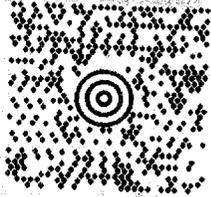
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