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Dr. Mark McClellan, Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. McClellan:

Warm Christmas greetings from a concerned U.S. citizen. In this festive season, I have been alarmed to learn that the Food and Drug Administration is planning on giving a very regretful gift to the women of America. In an effort to have you change policy directions on this matter, I have taken up ink and paper to urge to reconsider this course of action.

By now I'm certain you're aware that I'm referring to what has been called the "Morning After Pill," which is to be made available as an over-the-counter option not requiring a prescription. This is an ill-advised move, motivated more by ideology than by sound medical practice. In many ways, this may be seen as another disaster waiting to happen just as occurred with the release of the deadly pill RU-486.

As you know, Dr. McClellan, there are no tests showing the results of repeated or long-term use of this potent pill. Most likely, it will cause increased blood clots and heart attacks among its users.

I also have a moral objection to its use. The medication is not designed to prevent ovulation, but to induce a very early abortion. Hence, it is not a birth control method, but rather an abortifacient.

Dr. McClellan, I urge you to rescind this decision and help protect the women of America.

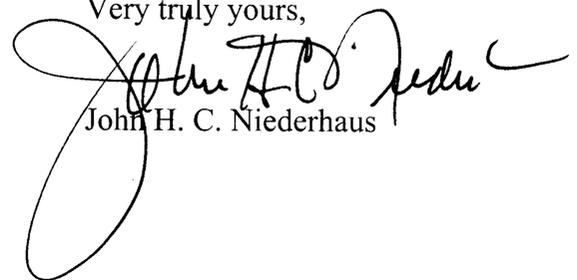
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