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Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D  
Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fisher's Lane  
Parklawn Bldg. Room 14-71  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner McClellan:

I would urge you not to approve over-the counter availability of "morning after" pills for a number of reasons – even apart from my belief that the possibility of an abortifacient effect would be immoral. For women who share this moral belief to have this drug provided for them without medical counseling risks violating their right to an informed consent.

The "Plan B" drug to which I am referring would expose women to the serious risks of birth control pills without medical supervision. The drug has been associated with a heightened risk of ectopic pregnancy, a potentially fatal condition. This threatening condition could go undetected because the common side effects of this drug are the same as for ectopic gestation. I think there is a particularly grave threat to young sexually involved people who will obtain the pills without seeing a physician or discussing it with their parents.

If you do not share my concerns, or if they are not correct, I would welcome a reply from you.

Sincerely,

  
Gregory D. Kenny, C.M.F.  
Pastor

Cc: President George W. Bush

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