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

Dear Dr. McClellan,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, the Catholic Bishops of Texas, I join those who are urging you to reject the recommendation of the Food and Drug Administration advisory committees that Plan B be available over-the-counter.

The Bishops' Office of General Counsel provided extensive testimony on December 5, 2003 to the FDA on this topic. If you and your staff would like to look at the testimony, it is available at the following website, www.usccb.org/ogc/ec-fda.htm.

Thank you very much for considering our views on this matter and for your willingness to service all of the people of the United States in your very important position as commissioner.

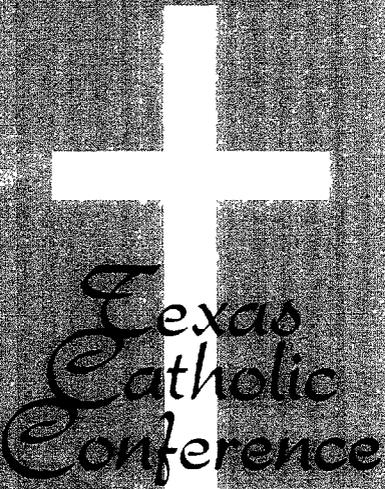
Sincerely,

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