

**Reese, Cicely**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2005 1:28 PM  
**To:** Reese, Cicely  
**Cc:** Dockets, FDA  
**Subject:** AGAINST METHYLPHENIDATE PATCH

Dear Ms. Reese,

Living & Education, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation for the benefit of children. We are most concerned with psychiatric drugs - the non-medical drugging of children.

**Methylphenidate is a dangerous, addictive drug which should NEVER be prescribed to children. The DEA (<http://www.dea.gov/concern/methylphenidate.html>) describes methylphenidate as:**

**"Methylphenidate, a Schedule II substance, has a high potential for abuse and produces many of the same effects as cocaine or the amphetamines. "**

**The DEA's Schedule II drugs include, along with methylphenidate, COCAINE, MORPHINE and OPIUM.**

We have received numerous complaints and horror stories from parents and children on the effects of this drug.

I understand the FDA has been receiving numerous contributions, incentives, honoraria and perks from the pharmaceutical industry and has had a difficult time to protect the public's health as a result of this conflict. I do hope, however, that there are a few people left at the FDA who still care about the health and welfare of children, and that the FDA will refuse the methylphenidate patch.

Thank you.

**\*\* The above comments are submitted to this committee under the agreement established between Ms Reese and Sheila Matthews of Ablechild.**

Sincerely,

Ariella Kapelner  
President

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