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RE: Docket No. 97N-484S

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter to object to the FDS proposing to regulate certain types of allografts as medical devices. I have used allografts my entire orthopedic career, which is now 40+ years. I feel that this would be an unnecessary and ill-advised regulation that would inhibit the use of these very valuable materials in orthopaedic surgery.

Sincerely,

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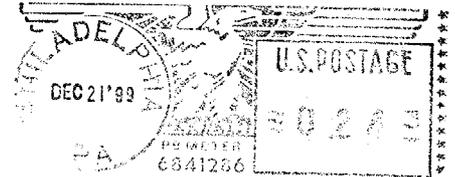
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