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Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that the FDA proposes to regulate allograft tissue. I am most opposed to this, particularly regarding bone banks. We have used bone bank bone here in Memphis for a number of years and had no difficulties with it at all. Bone grafting with bone bank bone allows us to minimize the pain and discomfort of any surgical procedure. Please let me vote against any regulation of this tissue by the FDA and it is my understanding that I should refer this letter to docket number 97N-484S.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Robertson'.

James T. Robertson, M.D.  
Professor

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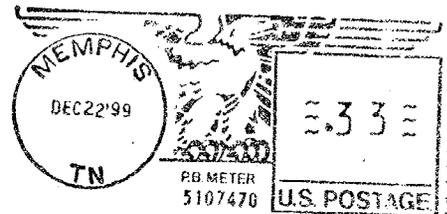
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