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Dear Sir/ Madam:

Re: Docket # 97N-4843

I was totally appalled to find out that you intend to require quarantining donor embryos prior to using them. It is totally redundant since we screen all the donors for HIV I, HIV II, HTLV I and all the STD's. We never had a case of neonatal or otherwise HIV. Not only quarantining embryos will result in a tremendous cost to us and to the patients but in our hands the pregnancy rate with frozen embryos is always lower than with fresh embryos. Why don't you concentrate in regulating and quarantine hearts, livers, retina, etc. Rather than reproductive tissue which is already controlled by S.A.R.T, D.O.H., C.L.I.A., C.A.P., and etc.

Sincerely,

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