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FDA Regulation of OTC Drug Products Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter requests participation in the Public Hearing on over-the-counter drug products scheduled for June 28 and 29, 2000 in Gaithersburg, MD. We are making this request on behalf of the following person who will be sponsored by Merck & Co. and Johnson & Johnson-Merck Consumer Pharmaceuticals Company:

Jeffrey L. Anderson, MD
Chief, Division of Cardiology
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We are requesting approximately 15 minutes for Dr. Anderson to express his views on the importance of creating new approaches to primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases, including over-the-counter access by informed and motivated consumers to safe and effective drugs to lower cholesterol.

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Dr. Anderson is eminently qualified to speak on this topic as he has contributed to cardiovascular research over a broad area and has chaired or served on steering committees of multiple clinical trials supported by NIH, industry and other local and national funding sources. His work has led to authorship on more than 220 original papers and numerous articles and book chapters. He has also held posts and has Fellowship in several organizations including the American College of Physicians, the American Heart Association, and the American College of Cardiology.

Additionally, Dr. Anderson served for four years on the FDA's Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee, where he was Committee Chair from 1994-1996.

You may communicate with Dr. Anderson at the address and phone provided above or preferably through Edwin L. Hemwall, Ph.D., of Merck Research Laboratories at the number provided below.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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