

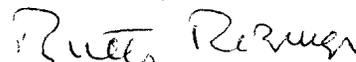
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Commissioner Mark McLellan
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Commissioner McLellan:

I urge you to approve over-the-counter status for emergency contraception/ Plan B, in accordance with the recommendation of your scientific advisory committee. From a medical, legal, economic, and human point of view, this authorization is urgently needed as I am sure you understand. It is fortunate that the rate of unwanted pregnancy among young women is declining, and emergency contraception is a method of birth control that will benefit young women. Please do not delay in making emergency contraception available as an over-the-counter drug.

Sincerely,



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