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RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

To the FDA:

I send this letter as a consumer of health care services to register my concern and disapproval of the **Memorandum of Understanding** as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the **MOU**, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. **The MOU must be amended!!!**

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. **THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE!!** As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, the **MOU** must be amended!!

Comments:

My body does not tolerate chemical compounds distributed by pharmaceutical stores. I need the most natural substances available. Without hormone replacement I become very depressed. Chemical compounds are not the answer for me. **Choices are like Apple Pie...they are American. Please do not restrict my choices!!! AMEND the MOU.**

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