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31 January 2006

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt
Secretary, US Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Leavitt:

I sit on the Virginia House of Delegates Health, Welfare and Institutions committee and see first hand the many problems currently facing our health care industry. I write on behalf of the ruling that was made on January 18th by the Food and Drug Administration regarding easy-to-read and more understandable drug labels. My Virginia House of Delegates district has a large elderly population that has had trouble for many years with the sometimes complex prescription labels that most drugs have had. Simplification of these labels will benefit these people tremendously.

I am also concerned that language be included that would prevent excessive litigation by trail lawyers.

I sincerely hope that your secretariat will support this simplification of drug labels.

Cordially,

Clarke Hogan

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