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Food & Drug Administration
Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Action of the Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee/Asthma Inhalers

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very disappointed by the vote of the Pulmonary-Allergy Committee to ban Asthma Inhalers. I am a 58 year old attorney. I have lived with asthma all of my life. I carry a Primatine Mist inhaler with me at all times and have ever since they became available. They are relatively cheap and effective. I have tried every prescription inhaler that has come on the market. They are expensive and less effective. I ca not believe that asthma inhalers contribute to depletion of the ozone. I would like to see the study that the Committee relied upon showing the effect of inhalers on ozone depletion. I currently purchase 2-3 inhalers a year. The cost is about \$42.00 per year. If I had to obtain a prescription for an inhaler, my out of pocket cost would probably increase tenfold, not to mention the hassle of more trips to a physician. This is a solution in search of a problem. Another case of government justifying itself at the expense of the public. If the FDA votes to ban over the counter asthma inhalers, I will be forced to take legal action to protect my interest. Please forward to me the ozone study relied upon by the Committee.

Sincerely,

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