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RE: Response to the Food and Drug Administration's request for interested persons to provide information for a scientific literature review related to the health effects of dental amalgam in humans, 68 Fed. Reg. 25047-250480.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have several points I wish to make:

1. Many studies are pre-June 1<sup>st</sup> and should be considered.
2. The methodology to conduct the review should be published.
3. Information on the qualifications and selection of the reviewers should be published.
4. No expert should be denied on the review panel because they have been on previous panels as some are the most qualified and due to interest on the subject most highly qualified people have been involved in some previous panel.
5. Lastly, although this is scientific review of the literature, I wish to state that we should not lose track of the fact that no material has been used as long and as successfully on millions of patients. The world patient pool should be a huge laboratory and the effects have been minimal or non-existent. Probably no dental material has or can make that statement to date. Anti-amalgam groups may use this opportunity to ask the FDA to prescribe inappropriate restrictions on the use of amalgam. Your support will help ensure that dentists and patients may choose the dental restoration of the choice.

Sincerely,

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