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Representative David Price
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

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Dear Mr. Price:

I am writing to urge you to register your disapproval of Docket #98N-1265 (Memorandum of Understanding) from the FDA in which Section 503A comments on — & severely limits — the practice of interstate distribution of compounded drugs & in so doing, places restrictions on consumers: their choice of pharmacies and of the compounded medications that are difficult to find elsewhere.

I have used the Women's International Pharmacy for medications which help menopausal & post-menopausal symptoms over the past 3-4 years with my doctor's support & approval. Both should have found the pharmacists to be

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very knowledgeable about the medications & their degree of efficacy in improving symptoms. The prescriptions are tailored to suit each individual and the best pharmacists are responsive to questions from my physician as well as the ones I have.

The proposed legislation must be amended (or rescinded) to better reflect & respond to the needs of healthy consumers rather than the drug companies whose sole regard in this matter seems to be the extent to which they feel their enormous profits are being threatened or impinged upon by these small compounding pharmacies.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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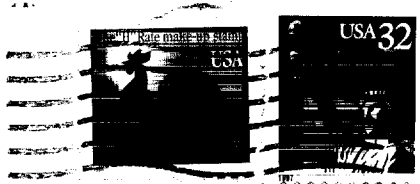

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