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RE: DOCKET # 98N-1265

TO THE FDA:

I AM WRITING TO YOU REGARDING THE 'MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING' AS PUBLISHED BY THE FDA JANUARY 21, 1999.

I FEEL THAT AS PUBLISHED IT LIMITS AND RESTRICTS MY ACCESS TO COMPOUNDED DRUGS. I CURRENTLY RECEIVE COMPOUNDED NATURAL HORMONES FROM ANOTHER STATE. I APPRECIATE MY COMMUNICATION WITH THE PHARMACISTS AND IT ALLOWS ME TO COMPARE INFORMATION WITH OTHER PHARMACISTS LOCALLY. THE MAIL ORDER SYSTEM HAS ALLOWED ME TO RECEIVE MY PRESCRIPTION IN VARIOUS STATES WHILE TRAVELING FOR BUSINESS, AND IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY WHILE ON A FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP. I VALUE THE OPENESS BETWEEN MY PHYSICIAN, THE PHARMACIST AND MYSELF AND THE ABILITY TO ADJUST PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE SUBTLETIES THAT COMPOUNDING CAN PROVIDE. THIS 'MOU' SEEMS TO INFRINGE RATHER THAN PROTECT, AS IN C3074 ASPECTS OF SAFETY, THUS I THINK IT IS IN SERIOUS NEED OF AMENDMENTS TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIVE AND LIMITING QUALITIES FROM ITS LANGUAGE.

Sincerely
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