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To the FDA:

Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

My doctor has just prescribed a hormone treatment for health problems I'm having that nothing else has helped so far. Now I find out that because of legislation drafted by you I may not be able to obtain it in the future.

What is going on?! I thought this was a free country but I'm learning that slowly, but oh so very surely, our freedoms as citizens and consumers are being taken away even as I write this.

I had mercury poisoning from the fillings in my teeth a few years ago and survived that. I understand that the test for that is now illegal in every state of the nation, not just a few. So if my kids or grandkids ever experience health problems that may be linked to mercury they are "up the proverbial creek" with no legal recourse.

This is called healthcare? As I see it the only healthcare that abounds in this country is the financial health of big corporations and pharmaceuticals, not health care for millions of Americans who are sick and for who synthetic

prescriptions drugs don't work and sometimes make them sicker. I'm one of those Americans and resent the fact that I just don't seem to count!!

I don't know what chance a single individual has against a government agency as big and powerful as the FDA and the big drug companies but, believe me, I will do all I can to change things as they stand now.

When are you going to take a stand for the free choice of people to make their own decisions regarding their own healthcare instead of forcing them to buy the drugs that only make the big corporations more wealthy and powerful?

Please reconsider your decision on the MOU.

Passionately,
S. Lent
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