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To the FDA: Re: Docket # 98N-1265

I send this letter as a consumer of healthcare services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by FDA on July 26, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of patients and physicians to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a health care consumer, there should be no restrictions to the delivery of a compounded medication for me regardless of where I live or where I travel. The MOU must be amended.

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, the MOU must be amended.

I am an active 72 year old, and have been ~~taking~~ using a

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compounded cream for a specific situation. The compounded cream has not only taken care of my problem, but has benefited me in other ways. I not only feel better, but I also act like a much younger person! The prescription drugs (was given many different prescriptions) just didn't take care of the problem, but also brought on additional problems. Please, I can't continue with my business and family without these compounds!

Sincerely,
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