To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposal of new Tanning Industry rules. My name is Amy Leslie and I am the manager of Tropical Tan in Maynard Massachusetts. I am a certified member of the Smart Tan Network as well as the Suntanning association for education. Although I have only been a part of the industry for three years, I have gained alot of knowledge.

Even though I am certified, I do realize I have no PHD of any sort. I hesitated about writing, thinking what could I add to the subject. I questioned myself will I be taken seriously and will my letter even be read. As I thought about it more, it dawned on me I am one of the people who is in charge of tanning hundreds of people. I take responsibility, to control the doses my clients receive. I take the time to listen to their sun habits both indoor and outdoors. It turns my stomach to listen to how people would bake outdoors with baby oil on. No one was there to educate these people. Tanning salons then had no idea about skin types, differences in bulbs and some didnt even care.

Everyday I am forced to make "judgement calls" with people on skin typing. Some people dont always like to listen. However I can't tell you how many people have come back the next day and thanked me for knowing what I was talking about.

I teach people both positive and negative effects of tanning. I know many people have had a more pleasant vacation because they used a sunscreen. People who are going to be outdoors on a sunny day are educated to wear a sunscreen. So many young girls walk through the door around Prom season. The famous phrase is, "I want to get burnt, then I'll be tan." I just laugh, because they think that is the only way they'll be tan. As the Prom comes around the girls are golden brown, minus the burn and thankful.

I know I have no authority to make any sort of medical claims. I would like to discuss tanning and Psoriasis. 6.4 million Americans suffer from Psoriasis, I myself being one of them. Moderate exposure to UVA and UVB has cleared up my outbreaks as well as many of our clients. However some people should not use a tanning facility to control their Psoriasis, if they are on certain medications. Some of which can cause DNA damage. I had a women come to tan, who explained she was tanning for Psoriasis and she was on medication also for it. I consulted a doctor about the specific medication and learned that this women could have DNA damage from tanning. As I explained this to her she had bit of anger towards me, not understanding because no other salon has told her she couldn't tan. Some salons don't care and some aren't educated either. In my opinion I would like to see a new law that any salon that offers tanning must complete and pass a course. It is the people who

are not tanning people moderately who need to be looked into. I would like to see the FDA put some energy into shutting down salons who aren't educated.

I feel that the new tanning warning label could have a very negative impact upon our industry. The performance standard 21CFR 1040.20, does need to be updated. The labeling does concern me, where exactly is the evidence to require such labeling. If tanning salons cannot make therapeutic claims about psoriasis how can you put a label on a tanning machine which claims you can get melanoma from use of the machine. Where is the proven evidence.

I hope my letter is read and not put in some pile of papers. I think you should listen to the people who are in contact and deal with tanning in the salon every day. I am in support of new laws and regulations as well as labels. However as long as it is the total proven facts and shows both sides.

I thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
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