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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to support the Health Care Without Harm petition.

I am deeply concerned about the possible harmful effects of using medical supplies that are made of PVC and contain the plasticizer di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) which has been shown to leach from IV bags into the solutions they hold. I believe that the following are a minimal protection:

- All PVC medical devices that leach plasticizers should be required to include a warning label and information on the potential risks
- Those who receive long-term feeding or treatment using DEHP-containing materials should be warned.
- Pregnant women should be warned.
- The development of safer, PVC-free alternatives should be expedited.

Additionally, I do not believe that the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH) is a suitable group to analyze this matter since they have a definite conflict-of-interest, i.e., funding from PVC manufacturers.

Sincerely, C2

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