



NOAAH
National Organization of
African Americans in Housing

The Advocate for All People of Color

October 27, 2003

The Honorable Tommy Thompson
US Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Thompson:

The National Organization for African-Americans in Housing has recently undertaken an outreach campaign to other advocacy organizations to educate them about our concerns related to forced over-the-counter switching of prescription drugs. We recently sent your office a letter on this topic, and have previously commented on a pending petition before the Food and Drug Administration (dockets # 98P-0610 & 02P-0163).

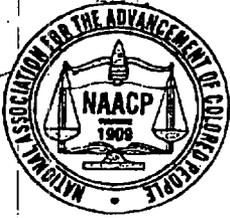
As a result of our efforts, we received the attached letter from Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer of the NAACP, in which that organization shows its support for our campaign to halt the inappropriate switching of these drugs. We hope that if your office continues to consider the petition that due regard will be afforded the comments included.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


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Attached: NAACP letter to NOAAH



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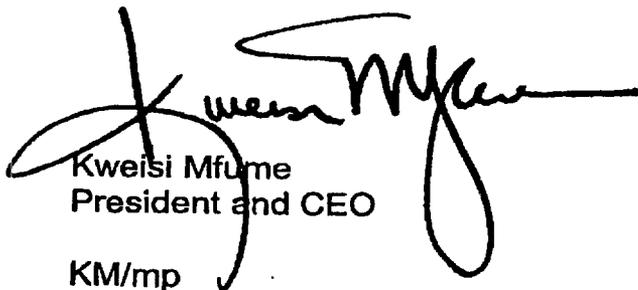
Dear Mr. Marchman:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding over the counter drugs. Please know that the NAACP understands your concerns.

I have already spoken with Willarda Edwards, M.D., Director of the NAACP National Health Advocacy Division, regarding the issues you raised. We are in complete agreement and totally support your position. I will certainly speak on this issue at every available opportunity, and Dr. Edwards has incorporated it into the NAACP health advocacy agenda. Thank you again for sharing this information and for your own dedicated efforts.

With best wishes for the future and warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Kweisi Mfume
President and CEO

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cc: Willarda V. Edwards, M.D.