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Dear Dr. Janet Woodcock,

I am writing you as a very happy user of Lotronex. I got your name and address from the IBS Self Help Group Bulletin Board.

I am extremely disappointed that Lotronex has been removed from the market. I have irritable bowel syndrome that is diarrhea prominent. It have had this condition for many years. I have tried several different medications and the Lotronex is the only one that has let me lead a normal life. I am very responsible with the Lotronex. My gastroenterologist has explained the possible side effects to me in detail. I know what to look for. I know if I get start to get constipated, to cut back on the dosage. I know the warning signs of ischemic colitis. I have successfully used Lotronex for 4 months. I take 1 tablet twice a day. It does not cause constipation in me.

With Lotronex gone, I will have to go back to my old life of having diarrhea EVERY morning and looking for a bathroom as soon as I get somewhere in case I have diarrhea again. I had it several times each day. Almost every dinner I will go out to with my husband will be tarnished in some way like it used to be. Before Lotronex, many dinners I would have to leave the table between 1 and 3 times. Then we'd have to rush home "just in case." This is no way to live. Please try to put yourselves in our shoes.

Please try and work out some form of a compromise with Glaxo Wellcome where well informed, well screened patients, working with well informed doctors can still get Lotronex. Right now it is our only hope.

Thanks for listening,

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