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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner  
Food & Drug Administration  
Department of Health & Human Services  
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:

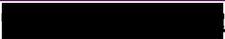
When one's life from a quality standpoint depends upon a medication and it is suddenly taken away from him, obviously he is going to react. The news that Lotronex has been banned and taken off the market in this country is devastating, to say the least.

The medication to me has been a true blessing . . . bringing me back a quality of life I haven't had for years. It is a joy! But, now what? It is being forced off the market. Terrible! Terrible!

The action presents a real dilemma for me. Here is a medication that solved my long-standing irritable bowel syndrome problem that no other medication in over twenty years could do. There is simply no substitute available as effective. I know from the many I have tried . . . some with untenable side effects for me. Now, what am I going to do? The thought of having to face again what I faced for so many years is heart-breaking. Along comes something good and of great benefit and it has to go down the tube.

To me, Lotronex is a true wonder drug and I direly need it for survival as my prescribing physician so determined and set forth. In following his instructions in taking it, I have had no problem and have found it not only safe, but a real miracle drug. I only wish it had come on the market in this country earlier.

My letter is to appeal the ban in the interest of seeing it lifted so that this miracle drug can again be made available. Think of the people, like me, it has helped. Those who depend on it and have to have it from a health standpoint should have access to it.

Sincerely,  
  


cc: Congressman Floyd Spence

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