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Dr. Mark Mc Clellan
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Dear Dr. McClellan,

I've lived in East Africa for the last ten years and have seen first hand what happens to women who bypass the 'normal' routes to obtain medications themselves. They lose access to good physician advice, STD diagnosis and treatment. Tubal disease or infertility, as well as undiagnosed ectopics, are a huge problem.

How is making OTC emergency contraception available to our women in the U.S. any different from the situation here? Will we not lose all the advantages we had of truly caring for our patients? We in the U.S. should not emulate the East Africa model of heads-turned-aside neglect.

Yours truly,

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