

Citizens for Health Freedom

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Docket No. 01N-0067 – AGAINST the
FDA Rule on Mercury Dental Fillings

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I find it shocking that the FDA is considering declaring mercury fillings safe without scientific studies showing mercury to be safe, while there are many studies providing evidence that mercury fillings are not safe. Additionally, there are many reports based on serious research concluding that mercury toxicity is a considerable problem, especially to children. I refer you specifically to the 600-page Toxicological Profile on Mercury (Update) (1999), U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, U.S. Public Health Service.

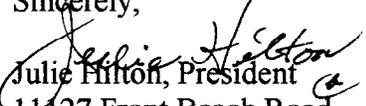
It is bewildering to me that the FDA considers mercury in the safest category, while the EPA and OSHA consider mercury in the most dangerous category. It is likewise amazing to me that in Florida, the Department of Environment Protection requires that a tooth with mercury amalgam, (which the FDA considers safe in your mouth), be treated as hazardous waste once it is removed from your mouth.

I urge the FDA to hold public hearings around the country on this important subject. The issue of mercury dental fillings is a very serious matter and it needs to be given the high importance that it deserves, and citizens desire and deserve an opportunity to have input.

Also, I urge the FDA to not pass this rule, which would undermine the role of state laws, many already existing in several states, covering disclosure of the risks of mercury dental fillings.

As further evidence against the rule, I enclose a presentation on this subject which I made to the Florida Board of Dentistry earlier this year. This presentation is more than 400 pages and contains numerous documents and reports which detail much of the science against the safety of mercury dental fillings. The enclosed presentation, vigorously supported by numerous state legislators, was the the basis for the Board of Dentistry withdrawing its proposed rules which were supportive of mercury dental fillings and harmful to mercury free dentistry.

Sincerely,


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***PRESENTATION TO FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
WORKSHOP ON RULE 64B5-17.014 REMOVAL OF
AMALGAMS FILLINGS
RULE 64B6-4.002 ADVERTISING & SOLICITATION BY
DENTIST***

January 18, 2002

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