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Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD
Commissioner of Food and Drugs
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Land
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner McClellan:

My domestic and international work in family planning has kept me close to both the policy discussions and controversies surrounding steroidal contraceptives.

I attended the FDA Advisory Committee meeting which recommended switching EC from prescription to OTC and I congratulate the FDA on its objective, evidence-based analysis of this topic.

I am familiar with the European and Australian experience where this switch has already taken place. I am convinced American women will benefit from this change.

Sincerely

Malcolm Potts MD, PhD. FRCOG

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