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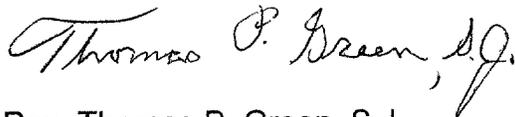
Dear Commissioner McClellan:

I am writing to express my opposition to a proposal (Docket No. 2001P-0075) to permit the distribution of so-called "emergency contraceptives" without a prescription.

This proposal would allow women to take this medication without being suitably informed of the nature of how it works, or of its potentially damaging side-effects. This is particularly dangerous because "emergency contraception" is promoted in a deceptive manner, without disclosing that it acts not just to prevent conceptions, but it also can destroy a newly conceived human life. In addition, this legislation would enable women of any age – including minors – to buy this extremely potent medication without involving a parent or doctor.

Approving this over-the-counter sale of this medication would endanger the health and lives of women, would lead to an increase in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, and would further reduce respect for human life.

Sincerely,



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