

**McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P.**

Attorneys at Law

Washington, D.C.

Los Angeles

San Francisco

San Diego

1900 K Street, N.W. ■ Washington, D.C. 20006-1108

202-496-7500 ■ Fax: 202-496-7756

<http://www.mckennacuneo.com>

Denver

Dallas

Brussels

London

June 23, 2000

Larry R. Pilot

202-496-7561

[larry\\_pilot@mckennacuneo.com](mailto:larry_pilot@mckennacuneo.com)

1553  
00 JUN 27 19:56

Dockets Management Branch  
Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health and Human  
Services  
Room 23  
12420 Parklawn Drive  
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Petition For Reconsideration  
**Docket No. 99P-1516**

Dear Sir:

On October 21, 1999 the above referenced petition was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA").

Subsequent to this submission, the FDA has initiated various approaches to address concerns expressed in this petition. Recently, Steve Northrup, the Executive Director of the Medical Device Manufacturers Association ("MDMA") was asked by Philip J. Phillips, Deputy Director for Sciences and Regulatory Policy, Office of Device Evaluation, to consider the significance of recent FDA efforts relating to the reprocessing of previously used single use medical devices.

Consequently, the MDMA as petitioner requests that the FDA suspend review and action on this petition for a period of 180 days from this date unless advised to the contrary through a subsequent written communication.

99P-1516

LETI

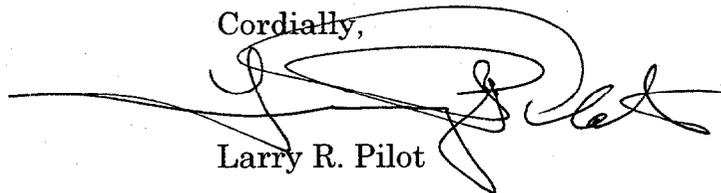
Dockets Management Branch

June 23, 2000

Page 2

Finally, this request is not to be interpreted as a withdrawal of the petition. Rather, it is offered to recognize the current efforts of the FDA to address concerns that prompted the submission of this petition. If there is any confusion by the FDA relating to the intent of this request, please contact the undersigned promptly.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry R. Pilot", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

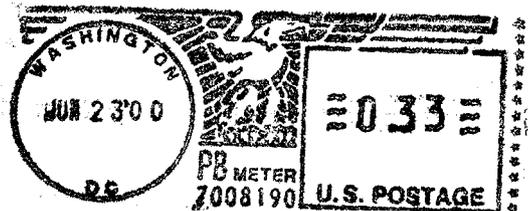
Larry R. Pilot

LRP/clb

**na & Cuneo, L.L.P.**

Attorneys at Law

100 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1108



Dockets Management Branch  
Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health and Human  
Services  
Room 23  
12420 Parklawn Drive  
Rockville, MD 20857

