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I feel that the FDA regulation of bone products as medical devices would be wrong and would cost the tax payer a lot of money that would not be in the least bit useful. Bone tissue is already regulated by the FDA for its safety. For many, many years we have used bone tissue and fashioned the shapes in the operating room and continue to do that. We takes the patient's own bone and we use all manner of allograft bone. The regulation of allograft bone as a medical device is certainly not needed at this point and the FDA has better uses for which to put their resources.

Sincerely,


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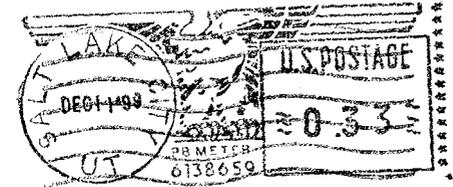
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