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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5360 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket #97N-484S, Suitability Determination for donors of Human Cellular and Tissue Based Products.

Dear Sir:

I record my strong opposition to some of the components of your proposed rules for oocyte donation therapy. Your proposed rule to freeze the resultant embryos will result in the loss of numerous of these precious embryos, yield lower conception rates and push up the costs at least 50%. This will further remove the less affluent from this important therapy and create new burdens for our very successful managed care process of insurance for all infertile in Massachusetts. In particular, we have no scientific or clinical data to support the recommendation.

Yours Sincerely,

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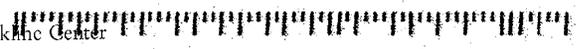
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