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FDA Commissioner David Kessler
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RE: Docket 96P0215

Dear Commissioner David Kessler,

I agree with the Population Research Institute, Norplant has damaged so many women in so many countries that it must be withdrawn from the market before it can damage anymore. Please consider the Norplant petition with the greatest care. Wyeth Ayerst claims Norplant was tested on 55,000 women around the world, yet an estimated 50,000 are suing the company over the pain their product has caused. I shall never know how many thousands of women around the world have had to suffer this drug delivery system's effects in silence because they lacked the legal rights and media outlets that American women have. We urge FDA to prevent more women around the world from needless victimization and take Norplant off the market.

I alone have gained weight, no period, have been diagnosed with degenerative bone disease and other things which I probably don't even know yet. My Norplant has been in too long and doctor's where they put it in have passed it by for so long. Now, I am worried about how my arm will be when it comes out in the next week and a half.

SINCERELY,

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