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Guidance to Industry for Development of Cell-Based Viral Vaccines

Dear FDA:

This letter is in response to your invitation for public comment on the Industry Guidelines for development of cell-based viral vaccines.

I understand that there are many vaccines used today that utilize cell lines derived from aborted fetuses. I also understand that some pharmaceutical companies are continuing to use fetal cell lines in the development of new vaccines, while ethical alternatives are available. As a citizen who desires to act in good conscience while trying to keep my family in good health, I plead with you to intervene in the development of vaccines to ensure that they come from non-objectionable sources.

Although I don't doubt that much of the public is ignorant of the fact that some of the vaccines they have received were derived from the cell line of an aborted fetus, more and more people are becoming aware of this. Already there is a large segment of the population, especially within Catholic and other Christian circles, who is willing to refuse aborted fetal cell line vaccines. In order to avoid acting against my own conscience, I research the vaccines that my son receives to check that they are from non-objectionable sources. My husband and I also check our flu vaccines. We are prepared to seek ethical alternatives when they are available, and refuse some, like the chickenpox vaccine, because of the lack of an ethical alternative.

Given your role in protecting the health of the American public, I thought it imperative that I offer my personal comment and ask you to consider the ramifications of allowing the production of vaccines that some will refuse out of moral concerns. I urge you, out of your responsibility and concern for public health, to ensure the production of vaccines from non-objectionable sources.

Sincerely,

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