July 24, 2000

Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:

The undersigned organizations, representing 340,000 physicians, are very concerned about restrictions we understand the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has proposed for distribution and administration of the drug mifepristone.

We understand that the FDA has proposed at least five restrictions on access to the drug. These requirements are not based upon scientific facts, do not follow current medical practice, and impose inappropriate conditions on the practice of medicine.

We would like the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss this important - issue. It's imperative that the FDA fully understands the effect that these proposals would have on the quality of health care. It's equally imperative that the FDA's work be based solely on evidence from the drug's clinical trials, and be entirely free from any political influence.

Thank you for your interest in this important issue. We look forward to meeting with you and your staff at your earliest opportunity to discuss our concerns in greater detail.

Sincerely,

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