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David A. Kessler, M.D.
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration, Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Kessler:

This letter is in support of the petition submitted by the Cancer Prevention Coalition, Inc. (CPC); docket number 94P-0420/CP 1, filed on 11/17/94. This petition requests that the Commissioner of Food and Drugs require that all cosmetic talc products bear labels with a warning such as "Talcum powder causes cancer in laboratory animals. Frequent talc application in the female genital area increases the risk of ovarian cancer."

While research hasn't proven a direct link between use of talcum powder in the female genitalia and ovarian cancer, current research indicates a *strong association*. It is the right of women to be warned of the possible association.

I hope that you will strongly consider this citizen's petition and what it means to the health of women.

Sincerely,

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FROM: MICHELE E TAVENNER

**SYNOPSIS: SUPPORTS CANCER PREVENTION COALITION PETITION (94P-0420/CP1)
WHICH REQUESTS WARNING LABEL ON ALL COSMETIC TALC PRODUCTS.**

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