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Dear Dr. Kessler,

This letter is in support of the petition submitted by the Cancer Prevention Coalition, 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."

Current research indicates a strong association between talcum powder usage on the female genitalia and ovarian cancer. It is the right of consumers of this product to be warned.

I urge you to consider the citizen's petition and what it means to the well being of women in the United States.

Sincerely,

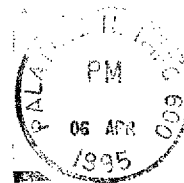


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