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Representative Joe Knollenberg
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Dear Representative Knollenberg,

I am very opposed to FDA's policy to eliminate my patients' access to compounded hormones that contain estriol. This is an intrusion into the doctor-patient relationship and does not allow me to prescribe medications that I believe are appropriate for my patients. Even the FDA admits that safety is not an issue, and they cannot document a single adverse event in the decades that estriol has been prescribed to patients.

I support H. Con. Res. 342, a bipartisan Sense of the Congress resolution introduced by Reps. Mike Ross (D-Ark.) and Jo Ann Emerson (R-Mo.), which declares FDA's policy "not in the public interest."

Doctors should decide on a case-by-case basis if compounded hormones with estriol are right for their patients. There is no good reason for FDA to make that decision for us.

I prescribe compounded hormones for patients because I have determined in each individual case that this treatment is right for them. It would be disastrous for my patients if the FDA forced me to stop prescribing this treatment for them.

I urge you to send the FDA a clear signal [redacted]icy must be reversed, and ask you to co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 342.

Sincerely,

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