

March 30, 2004

Memorandum

To: Karen Strambler
Office of Policy
Office of the Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration

From: Dr. Rene Rodriguez 

RE: Docket number 2004N-0115

I am eager to testify at the Health and Human Services Public Meeting on April 14, 2004. My name is Rene Rodriguez and I am affiliated with the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons. I request five minutes of time to present my testimony.

My testimony will concern the grave danger posed by the proposal to permit the importation of prescription drugs from Canada. While I believe that all Americans will be endangered by such a policy, I believe it is the minority community which will suffer the most. I do a great deal of work in the Hispanic community and I am well aware of the pernicious effect that such a wrongheaded policy change will have on them. I believe it is important for this message to be heard loud and clear by policymakers.

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Please contact me regarding the time that I should be prepared to present. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.