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Dear Dr. Ley,

I have just received information regarding an FDA order to withdraw Mysteclin-F from the available market.

Because of the unusual number of patients with diabetes, debilitated patients and elderly women with a history of candidiasis, I have found Mysteclin-F a very efficacious antibiotic in the suppression of monilial overgrowth. I am sure that you can appreciate that the prevention of this organism is important; especially in view of many recent reports in medical-literature regarding it as a cause of increased mortality and morbidity.

I still believe in the old adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I strongly feel that the removal of this drug from the available market would be a definite inconvenience and detriment to the practice of medicine, especially as pertaining to the above mentioned patients.

Yours very truly,

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