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Food and Drug Administration
Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, M.D.
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Re: Avastin

Dear Dr. Hamburg:

Breast cancer is complicated. Each woman's tumors respond differently to different medicines and approaches. Despite recent studies that suggest the results of Avastin on breast cancer are not clinically meaningful, many breast cancer patients report positive benefits from their use of Avastin.

Should these women's health be discounted? Even if Avastin only helps a statistically insignificant amount of women each year, aren't these women important too? The women whose breast cancer responds well to Avastin may not represent the typical patient experience, but that does negate the fact that it works for a particular patient. For these women, I hope that the FDA will not withdraw the breast cancer indication for Avastin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. Lujan".

David Lujan
Former House Democratic Leader
Former District 15 State Representative

cc: Director Richard Pazdur, M.D.
Director Dr. Janet Woodcock
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