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Perez, Thomas

From: Michael Kaiser
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2002 9:31 PM
To: Tom Perez
Subject: 23Apr02 Advisory Committee meeting

Dear Mr. Perez,

As a long-time IBS-D sufferer whose life was greatly improved while using Lotronex, I would deeply like to attend the 23Apr02 Advisory Committee meeting, however my condition precludes that. Instead, I would ask you to consider (and distribute, if possible) this brief statement.

I have to be reminded, from time to time, that life is to be enjoyed and not endured. Constantly battling IBS, I'm often satisfied with just "getting through the day". If there was no treatment for IBS, I'd do what I've been doing for 35 years and just cope. What makes me so angry is THERE IS a treatment for IBS - its called Lotronex and it works!!! I'm not asking congress to spend billions of dollars looking for a cure, I just want access to medication that already has been developed, and has been very effective for me.

The potential adverse effects of Lotronex have been widely publicized and debated. As a well-educated, informed patient, I would like the opportunity to decide, with my physician's guidance, whether the benefits of Lotronex outweigh the potential risks. In my case, the answer is a resounding - YES!

Sincerely,
Michael D. Kaiser