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**Perez, Thomas**

**From:** Donna Logan |  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2002 2:04 AM  
**To:** PerezT@cder.fda.gov  
**Subject:** Lotronex Meeting  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Perez,

My Name is Donna Logan, and I was a patient who got her life back because of the drug Lotronex. I would like to ask you if you, or anyone in your family has to wear depends to Mass on Sundays, to work or just to go out to dinner? That is how my life is now, since Glaxo took the drug that made me have a normal life again. I work as a Pharmacy Technician and there are worse drugs on the market that are killing people, than Lotronex did. More drugs are doing liver and heart damage and they are still allowed on the market.

I ended up with and abscess horse shoe fistula because of my disease. I lost 3 months of work, and during the second surgery I crashed when they administered the anesthesia. Yes I died, but they brought me back to live this horrible way now. This is a disease and it is not just in our heads. I do agree that the doctors just gave the drug to anyone who said they had IBS. I blame the doctors and glaxo for not giving out the warning the

first time the drug went on the market. But with stricter laws, I want Lotronex brought back on the market so I may have my life back again. Last summer we actually took a long vacation because I still had some Lotronex saved up for the trip. I was able to fly to Florida from California to see Disney World, go out to dinner and have the time of my life

with the man I am married to. Thank God he understands how horrible this disease is and takes such good care of me.

I am only 46 and have had this all my life. I remember my mother feeding me Kaopectate all the time. I hope you can work for us on the meeting on April 23, 2002. Yes there needs to be better ways for a patient to get this

medication. Not just any doctor should be allowed to write a prescription for this. I think only a GI specialist or a doctor who

has preformed tests on you before you are allowed to take this medication. Make follow up appointments mandatory. Lab work

mandatory, a colonoscopy mandatory. What ever it takes to get the right medication to the right people. I am that person.

If someone in your family had to live this way, how would you help them. If was your Mother, your wife, your daughter or son,

who had to live in the bathroom, could not go out for a day or evening of fun. To miss weddings, ect. Think of us as your family when you go into that meeting , and please do your best so your family can get the

medication

they need to live a normal life. I pray every night for a new drug to come on the market. I have worked in the same pharmacy for

15 and 1/2 years and thank goodness they understand when I call in sick.

I also have glaucoma so that knocks out about 98% of the drugs that help in a little way. Only Lotronex was my salvation.

Please take my letter with you to the meeting so I feel like I am there to represent myself. To tell my story, to plead like I have to do to Glaxo and the FDA, trying to get a special request to get the drug.

Thank you so very much for listening to me about my life without Lotronex.

Sincerely,  
 Donna M. Logan