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To: Dockets, FDA
Subject: Methylphenidate patch

Dear Ms. Reese,

I understand that a methylphenidate drug soaked patch is under consideration for use on America's kids that have been diagnosed with "attention deficit hyperactivity disorder." I am shocked that such a drug would be considered for use on our kids and ask that this consideration go no further. Anyone who's been paying attention to the violent activity accompanying drug use amongst our kids would be very cautious in going any further on this.

As a mother of two daughters -- one mentally disabled -- I have seen the effects of drugs on kids.

One of my daughter's friends had been on a number of drugs and had become nearly a vegetable on the drugs. Later, she became violent and attacked my mentally disabled daughter, who has a scar on her face to this day from it. Luckily my other daughter was there to hold her down to prevent her from continuing to break the glass in the apartment and prevent her from continuing to attack my daughter.

Let the kids go out for recess and explore the world around them and include them in more hands-on activities. Get them off of so much TV and video games. Get them to do some chores around the house. Above all -- Keep them off of powerful mind altering drugs!

Drugs will only cover up the real problems -- which a lot of us have learned over the years. In addition, such drugs of this magnitude can be very dangerous when used on kids.

I do not approve of the use of this patch.

Sincerely yours,
Katherine Spurger