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To: Dr. Mark McClellan, FDA Commissioner
From: Kevin Lewis, Chairman, Colon Cancer Alliance
Date: January 23, 2003
Subject: Support for New Early Conditional Access

Dear Dr. Mark McClellan,

The Colon Cancer Alliance wants to add their support to the 'Tier 1 Initial Approval' initiative as presented to you by Frank Burroughs, President of the Abigail Alliance for Better Access to Developmental Drugs at the Tuesday January 21 meeting with you. We join the Abigail Alliance, the Sarcoma Foundation of America, and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in our support. Frank Burroughs has informed me that other support is in the process of coming in.

We feel this is a vital idea that could save and extend tens of thousands of lives a year. Frank's special daughter Abigail did not get the chance to get Iressa that had a significant chance of saving her life. We want thousands of other precious people to have access to new life saving drugs years earlier than the current system allows. We look forward to further discussion on the life saving idea of 'Tier 1 Initial Approval'.

I will not be able to attend the February 5 meeting, but I want the support of the Colon Cancer Alliance for the "Tier 1 Initial Approval" initiative to be made known to all attending the February 5 meeting.

The Colon Cancer Alliance also joins others in welcoming you to your new very important position at the FDA, and we are very happy to see that you are enthusiastically listening to the patient advocacy community.

Most sincerely,
Kevin Lewis, Chairman, Colon Cancer Alliance

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