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Dear Petitioner:

Your petition to the Commissioner of Food and Drug Administration is requesting to immediately impose a moratorium on all future approvals of new drug applications (NDAs) for new opioids or new opioid formulations was received by this office on 04/05/2019.

It was assigned docket number FDA-2019-P-1643. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

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