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The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) supports House Congressional Resolution 342 calling upon the FDA to stop their new policy of restricting women's access to compounded bio-identical hormones containing estriol.

Founded in 1965 as a non-profit medical association, the AAEM brings together physicians and scientists interested in the complex relationship between the environment and health. With an elite membership of highly trained physicians and clinicians, the Academy is committed to advancing the field of Environmental Medicine through member development and education, public awareness and research.

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine opposes the banning of bio-identical estriol. The FDA makes the outrageous and nonsensical claim that estriol is a "new and unapproved drug" and that "the safety and effectiveness of estriol is unknown", even though estriol has been listed in the US Pharmacopeia for 50 years. How can bio-identical estriol, identical to every woman's natural estriol, be unsafe or ineffective. The FDA has admitted that no adverse events involving compounded bio-identical estriol has ever been reported, yet the FDA continues to support the hormone replacement drugs offered by the big drug companies, even though studies have raised questions about possible heart and cancer risks from these hormones—a fact the FDA knows full well, since they have placed their own Black Box Warnings on each of them.

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine believes that physicians are in the best position to determine which medications are most appropriate for their patients and that the FDA should never stand between a medical decision made by a patient and their chosen physician. If FDA's action is allowed to stand, it would force hundreds of thousands of women off of medications that their doctors have prescribed for them — *and for no scientific or medical reason.*

I urge you to do everything in your power to overturn the FDA's draconian attack on bio-identical hormones. Women (and their physician) will thank you.

Sincerely,

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