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Dear Director Donovan,


We commend the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the time spent in analyzing the proposed rule, *General and Plastic Surgery Devices: Restriction of Sunlamp Products* (RIN 0910-AH14), and urge OMB to release the rule for public comment as soon as possible.

Skin cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in the United States and current estimates are that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.^[v] On average, one American dies from melanoma every hour, ^[vi] and melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults ages 25-29.^[vii] The annual cost of treating skin cancers in the U.S. is estimated at \$8.1 billion.^[viii]

Every year, more than 419,000 cases of skin cancer in the U.S. are linked to sunlamps,^[ix] and exposure to sunlamps increases the risk of melanoma.^[x] A study published in the *International Journal of Cancer* found that the risk of melanoma is 41 percent higher for those who had used a tanning bed, and was approximately double for those who reported more than 10 sessions.^[xi] Even minimal use of tanning beds before the age of 35 can increase one's risk of getting melanoma by 59%.^[xii] Multiple organizations both domestic and international agree that sunlamp products are dangerous to human health, and the US Department of Health and Human Services recognizes sunlamps as a human carcinogen. More people develop skin cancer because of tanning than develop lung cancer because of smoking.^[xiii]

We applaud the FDA for its final rule to reclassifying sunlamps to Class II, and thank the agency for taking the next step and submitting a proposed rule to OMB to further regulate sunlamp products. It is urgent that OMB release the proposed rule as this is a critical step in the fight to eradicate skin cancer.

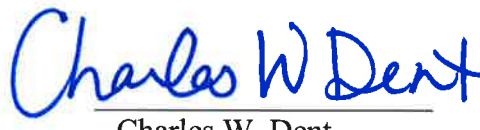
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