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If economic considerations are the driving force behind this potential action, I would hope that consideration could be given to securing a different form of financial support rather than eliminating this unique form of support for the health of patients.

Thank you for any consideration you may be able to give to the foregoing.

Sincerely yours,

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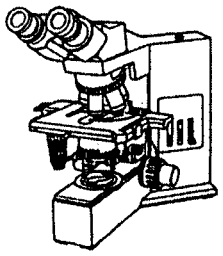

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