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Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman on
GAO's Report on FDA's Decision on Plan B
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Science was pushed aside when FDA rejected the Plan B application. Agency scientists were ignored and their analyses dismissed to further a narrow ideological agenda that most Americans reject. FDA should renounce this embarrassing episode, acknowledge the scientific consensus, and approve Plan B for over-the counter use.

The involvement of senior Administration officials in the Plan B decision remains a mystery. Former FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan did not respond to GAO's questions and FDA could not provide written communication or emails from Dr. McClellan's office. These potential violations of federal records law need further investigation.