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Mr. Patrick Desbiens Senior Vice President GSK US Vaccines 5 Crescent Drive Philadelphia, PA 19112

Dear Mr. Desbiens,

I write to thank you and your colleagues at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) for the development of your new shingles vaccine, Shingrix. I am especially pleased that your new vaccine was not derived from cell lines linked to elective abortion, and I am sharing this good news with the Catholic health ministries here in Florida.

As you are probably aware, many Catholics, as well as healthcare providers, do not wish to use vaccines or medicines produced from cell lines linked to abortion. Shingrix certainly alleviates those concerns and I hope that our use and promotion of this vaccine will encourage GSK to pursue other vaccines and medicines that are ethically derived.

Again, I commend you for your efforts and am pleased to share this good news with Florida's Catholic community.

Sincerely.

Most Reverend Enrique E. Delgado

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Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami

**FCCB Moderator for Health** 

cc: Catholic Bishops of Florida