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### Summary

**A startling number of reports** reveal that the US Food and Drug Administration is in far worse shape than most people realize. Few patients comprehend that they are likely to suffer and die prematurely as a result of the FDA's failures.

**When people are diagnosed** with a serious illness, they often find that the cure does not exist—simply because of FDA bureaucratic roadblocks. In other cases, FDA-approved drugs have horrific side effects, while effective natural remedies are either banned or information about them is censored lest it interfere with drug company profits. Doctors offering alternative

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medical choices are subject to FDA raids on their offices and clinics, their supplies of common vitamins seized as “evidence.” Patients exercising their right to healthcare freedom find few physicians willing to stand up to FDA scare tactics.

Meanwhile, prescription drugs and other healthcare costs continue to rise, as the FDA keeps less expensive medical choices out of reach. It does so in collusion with drug companies, who pay billions to the FDA and lobbyists to maintain their monopolies.

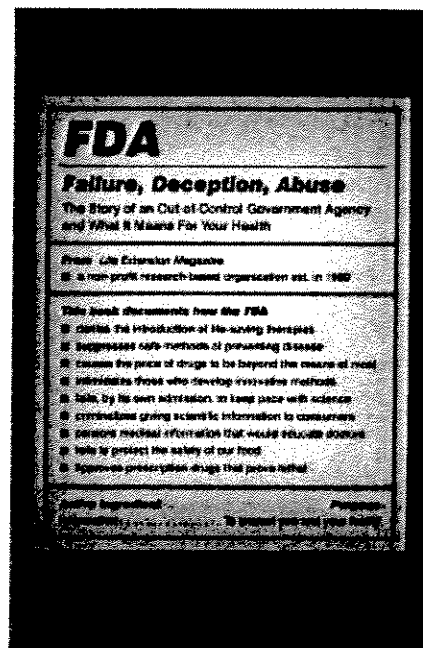
Simple changes in diet and lifestyle could take the place of millions of prescriptions, thereby reducing massively reducing healthcare costs. Yet healthcare reform is debated in Congress with no mention of the health costs of overprescribed drugs or of denying patients’ rights to healthcare freedom.

A US House of Representatives study of the FDA, undertaken at the FDA’s own request, concluded that the Agency “cannot fulfill its mission,” that “its science is weak,” and that it is in need of complete regulatory reform. The FDA fails to keep pace with science, while spending its resources intimidating those who develop innovative alternative health choices. And people are dying because life-saving therapies remain bound up in FDA red tape.

*Life Extension* is one of the world’s leading natural health magazines. Its easy-to-read articles provide breakthrough information related to disease prevention and treatment, longevity, and nutritional supplements, all backed by extensive scientific research. Most of the articles collected in this volume were written by William Faloon, *Life Extension*’s co-founder.

“Bill Faloon and his colleagues at *Life Extension* lift the veil. They tell us the truth about an out-of-control government agency that keeps a vice-like grip on a large part of our economy and makes life and death decisions with complete disregard for American citizens’ constitutional rights to take care of their own health. If you want to know what is wrong with American medicine and why it costs so much, look no further. It is all here. If the FDA is ever to serve the American public and not the drug companies it supposedly regulates, it will have to be taken apart brick by brick and completely rebuilt.”

—Jonathan V. Wright, MD



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