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# Dumb regulation plan

Letter to the Editor

Re: Ottawa moving to slash red tape (March 21)

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In rejigging drug regulations to meet the trade objectives of industry, the federal government's so-called Smart Regulation plan misses the whole point of regulatory controls.

When it comes to the smart use of pharmaceuticals, you couldn't design a stupider model than yee-haw capitalism. Remember Vioxx?