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Europeans' health must be put back in the right hands

Drug regulation, medical device approval and supervision of The European Medicines Agency looks likely to be reappointed to the European Commission' health policy makers. Incoming Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker is said to have reversed his decision and moved such dossiers from Enterprise and Industry sections following pressure from the European Parliament and health campaigners including BEUC.

Monique Goyens, Director General of BEUC, commented:

"If confirmed, it means our efforts have borne fruit. Law making when it comes to pharma issues in Europe must be put in the right hands. After all, consumers' health is a right, not a commodity.

"Moving oversight of drugs and medical devices to Industry departments would convey the message that the Commission puts profits before patients. But the early opportunity is there to show the Juncker Commission will be responsive and pragmatic."

Read BEUC's letter sent to Juncker with 27 other NGOs.

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