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Greetings:

Re: Codex Alimentarius 'Guidelines'

I am writing to protest the above guidelines.

To protect the interests of the pharmaceutical industry in their purely symptom-oriented and often dangerous drugs, my right of access to effective vitamin/mineral/herb therapies and natural treatments, together with my fundamental right to health and well-being, are being seriously violated. The Codex 'guidelines' will artificially sustain the markets for now superfluous pharmaceutical drugs at a time when more and more widespread diseases and public health problems can be successfully combated by vitamin/mineral/herb and other natural therapies free of side-effects.

I am aware of research, including Dr Rath's, that vitamin deficiency is shown to be the cause of most widespread health problems of our time. Also the saving of thousands or millions of human lives is partially dependent on how quickly life-saving information about the health benefits of vitamins and other natural therapies can be spread.

This makes all legislative efforts to censor or ban the spreading of natural health information knowledge and/or products all the more unethical and contemptible. Censorship laws or 'guidelines' do not (contrary to arguments by the pharmaceutical/medical industry) protect consumers from alleged side-effects. What it does is allow thousands of people to die every year from the harmful side-effects of pharmaceutical drugs by prescription. In fact for instance, the deadly side-effects of cholesterol-blockers and other pharma-drugs have become the fourth most common cause of death in the industrialized world (surpassed only by heart attack, cancer, and strokes)!

As a political decision-taker supporting these laws you are knowingly risking the unnecessary deaths of citizens of our country. Censorship forced upon us by such avenues as the Codex 'Guidelines' is unscrupulous and unfair, and even more so when there is no public discussion or publicity and when it is against the express will of the people of this country—no democratic process. It is even more appalling when we see in the newspapers that the EU Commission (involved in the Codex process) was dismissed by the European Parliament for corruption and for taking bribes from multinational companies.

I realize that I must take responsibility for my own health, and it is much more important than the share prices of a handful of pharmaceutical industry speculators.

Please take action/vote to stop the Codex Alimentarius and the EU Directive on dietary supplements and related censorship laws or guidelines on the national and international level. In fact I would ask that you openly support unrestricted access to information about the health benefits of botanical therapies and other natural treatments as a basic human right. Also please support dietary supplements (vitamins, minerals, herbs, plants) as foods and not as a category under drugs or under pharmaceutical access to control.

Yours truly,

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