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As free citizens and the parents of four children, we are concerned about the U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses.

We are specifically concerned about a very troublesome item in the agenda item No. 6, Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements (at step 4). We are stongly opposed to the following wording "We recommend the following revision: 'All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on the advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor"

This revision would severely limit all parents' ability to access what they believe to be proper nutritional supplementation for themselves and their children based on their own due diligence & research. This supplementation is essential because of the poor delivery of basic nutrition from our "early harvest" cash crop ecomomy, depleted soil & the proliferation of pharmaceuticals and toxins that have poisoned our water and air. This will also shift the focus of attention away from preventative modalities of health placing even more strain on our overburdened & failing health care system. This would add toa disaster already in the making.

We urge the FDA to delete item 5.9 of agenda item No. 6 in the draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements.

We fought long and hard as a constituency for the passage of the DSHEA law. It should not be undermined in any way. Item 5.9 is in violation of that law. Every citizen has the right to chose on their own what supplements that want to take.

Sincerely,
Richard & Jean Standard