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Ms. Crane,

In the U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, there is a very troublesome item in the agenda, item No. 6, Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements (at step 4). It is a U.S. proposed draft position on labeling, item 5.9, which states: "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'.

My belief lies in the fact that every citizen is the real gatekeeper for the truthful and non-misleading information about nutrition. On that basis, please note that item 5.9 of the labeling proposal is regressive, misleading, and not in the best interest of the U.S. consumer. I feel this statement violates my right to choose and this proposed label should be eliminated from any U.S. position paper.

It is also my belief that item 5.9 is in violation of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA).

I would request the FDA to delete item 5.9 of agenda item No. 6 in the draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements.

Let us not harmonize international food and supplement labeling to inadequate labeling. United States law provides the best availability of information. That should be our example and gift to the world.

Sincerely,

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