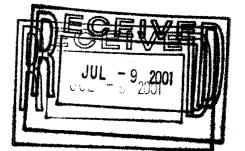
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Office of Special Nutritional (HFS-450) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Food and Drug Administration 200 C St. SW Washington, D.C. 20204

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby notify the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the use of a statement of nutritional support in the labeling of Carlson Echinacea. Garlson Division of J. R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004, is the distributor of Carlson Echinacea.

Statement being made in the labeling of the above mentioned Carlson product:

"Helps support a healthy immune system."

To the best of my knowledge, and based upon information and belief present at the time of the executing of the notice, I certify that the above information is accurate and complete; and the J.R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc. possesses substantiation that the statements are truthful and not misleading.

J.R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc.

By Susan Carlson

Susan Carlson, Vice President

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