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Subject: Crane/ U.S. Draft Position -- CODEX Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements

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Loren Israelsen

Dear Ms. Crane:

I write with respect to the U.S. proposed draft position on labeling (item 5.9) which currently states:

"We recommend the following revision: All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on advice of a nutritionist, a dietitian, or a medical doctor."

As executive director of the Utah Natural Products Alliance, I wish to register our deep opposition to this statement, which we believe is a contradiction to the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 and clearly is inconsistent with the views and attitudes of the majority of consumers who buy and use dietary supplements.

I find it inexplicable that such a statement would be found in any draft document which purports to represent the views of the United States before the CODEX Alimentarius.

Kindly include these comments in the appropriate docket.

Sincerely,

Loren Israelsen
Executive Director, Utah Natural Products Alliance