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Dr. Beth Yetley, FDA
C/o Nancy Crane, FDA
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US Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Comment on FDA Draft
Proposal to CODEX CCNFSDU on Dietary Supplements

Dear **Dr.** Yetley,

I **am** strongly opposed to the **efforts** of the **FDA** and the **drug** lobby to "**harmonize**" the availability of nutritional and dietary supplements to the regulations of some **European** countries. **This effort** is aimed at restricting such availability to the American consumer by **making** such nutrients available **only** with a doctor's prescription. Such a development would dramatically **increase** the **cost** and availability of vitamin and mineral supplements which many people believe are essential to good health.

I urge that all attempts to create an international standard for vitamin and mineral supplements under CODEX be discontinued immediately.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours

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