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~~Dear~~ Ms. Crane:

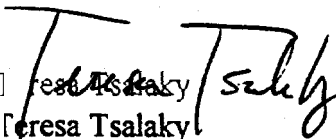
The U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses includes an item that should be deleted. Item 5.9 in Agenda item No. 6 calls for labeling on dietary supplements that **directs** consumers to take the supplements based on the advice of a doctor, dietician or nutritionist.

This item is in violation of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education **Act** of 1994. Voters sent more letters to Congress in support of this bill than of any other legislation in history. The will of the people is well **known** regarding **this** matter and should not be countermanded.

American consumers need more freedom of choice in consumption of health-related products, not less. The World Health Organization reports that industrialized nations with a higher level of health than the United States are those that allow alternative health modalities to compete openly in the marketplace. Item 5.9 is one more attempt to reduce that competition, which would further reduce the health level of American citizens.

Please delete item 5.9 in Agenda item No. 6.

Cordially,


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