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To whom it may concern:

I have lost and found my faith in God but I have lost my faith in doctors. I have breast cancer. I was diagnosed in January 18, 2001 by the VA doctors. I use to be an X-ray tech. I refused treatment, since they wanted to remove my breast, give me chemo and radiation treatment. I'd say my tumor was larger than 3 inches. I asked the new intern if there was a nutritional way to treat this, since my chances of living after treatment wasn't very good. She told me no, they don't teach us that in school.

I was sick, had no energy so I quit my stressful job. I've read all the books I could on nutrition, exercised and I'm taking supplements and gluconitrients. I had 2 tumors, 1 is gone the larger one is smaller. I don't know how small since I don't have insurance, since I was too sick to work to get insurance. My husband lost his job 1 month later, we both have not worked for 1 1/2 years. Since I refused treatment at the VA, they put me at the bottom of the list. I just got a phone call the other day, a year and a half later, that I could see a primary doctor now. And all I wanted was to see a doctor so I could get my thyroid pills. Which cost me \$300.

Why are you trying to pass a bill where doctors don't even know that much about and the pharmaceuticals don't want the doctors to know about? It has become all about money and no concern for the patient. It has become all about insurance and FDA approval on drugs. Money and control and drugs. Who do you work for? And whom do you care about?

Today I am healthier than I was a year and a half ago. If I would have taken the treatment prescribed I would be dead. I'm am just now getting ready to look for a job. I believe in my country for the good things it stands for, freedom of choice. I believe in God which gave us free will. But I have lost my faith in doctors and medical system. Doctors can fix broken bones but they don't cure diseases. They can't because they weren't taught that, they push pills.

And I will ask.....**Ask the FDA to delete item 5.9 of agenda item No. 6 in the draft guidelines**

**> for vitamin and mineral supplements. Tell them that every citizen is the**

**> real gatekeeper for truthful and non-misleading information about nutrition,**

**> and that item 5.9 of the labeling proposal is regressive, misleading, and**

- > not in the best interest of the U.S. consumer. Also tell them that item 5.9
- > is in violation of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994
- > (DSHEA).

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