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Hello,

I hope you are receiving many emails advising that this section of the U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses. (Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements), be removed. It's insulting to think that not only do we need prescriptions for drugs, but that we all will have to consult a doctor (as if they are not swamped enough already!) in order to take food supplements as well? I get tired of paying copays and scheduling appointments and missing work as it is. Now I have to do that to get vitamins and supplements? Ridiculous.

Each citizen of this country is the final decision maker concerning the veracity of statements made on supplement labels. Any person concerned about a product they are thinking of taking is perfectly able to obtain the advice of their doctor, pharmacist, naturopathic physician, or nutritionist, without the necessity of government intervention.

Furthermore, the wording of the proposed labeling is misleading and NOT in the peoples (American consumer) best interest; which is the point of FDA (or supposed to be). To add injury to insult, the proposal is in violation of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA).

Thank you for your time; I hope your agency sees reason on this issue,

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