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Please assure that FDA deletes item 5.9 of agenda item No. 6 in the draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements. Every citizen is the real gatekeeper for truthful and non-misleading information about nutrition, NOT the Physician who is concerned more with dispensing drugs and helping the big drug companies! I was kept on numerous prescription drugs for years by my personal Physician (who was excellent, by the way). However, it wasn't until I began becoming personally informed about these treatments, that I started improving my health. I started taking Nutraceuticals and within a month was able to get off of 9 out of ten prescription drugs that I had been on for years. My Physician was elated and surprised, but, guess what? He still doesn't acknowledge that anything other than "drugs" is acceptable. Very "Dark Ages" to say the least. This same thing has happened to hundreds of people that I know personally. I am sorry to say that the most educated among our population (licensed Physicians) are also the least informed about wellness! They are "illness oriented", not "wellness oriented".

Item 5.9 of the labeling proposal is regressive, misleading, and **NOT** in the best interest of the U.S. consumer (This includes you as an individual too). Item 5.9 is in violation of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA). When the DSHEA Act was passed, this heralded a giant step forward for our Country. Please don't allow it to step backward in giant leaps!

Sincerely,

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He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything. Arabian Proverb

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