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The FDA language, item 5.9 is an obvious attempt to "medicalize" and restrict safe dietary supplements. By recommending that "All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on an advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor," the FDA is setting us up to "harmonize" with restrictive international standards and ignoring the fact that in America, supplements are classified as foods and consumers have the right to be educated on their benefits.

I, therefore insist that you strike the above proposed revision in item 5.9 and replace it with the following language: "we recommend the following revision 'All labels should bear scientific structure function health claims similar to those provided for under the American Deitary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 to directly assist consumers in making positive health decisions for themselves and their families at the point of sale.' I demand the discontinuance of all attempts to create an international standard for vitamins and minerals at CODEX, so that this matter may be left up to national authorities to decide.

Dr. Yetley, the FDA lost the Pearson court decision on First Amendement grounds and was forced to allow health claims on labels pertaining to folic acid and the prevention of natural tube defects. This is as it should be. Americans do not want to be restricted by international standards for vitimans and minerals and we do not want you to continue trying to circumvent U.S. law while you are in Germany representing the U.S. at CODEX meetings. Please do not violate the spirit of DSHEA in an international forum.

I am copying this letter to my congressmen and asking them to oppose all efforts to erode U.S. sovereignty via FTAA. We will not tolerate being subjected to anything similar to EU's attempt to ban consumer access to dietary supplements.

Sincerely,  
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