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Ms. Donna F. Anderson

TO: Beth Yetley, FDA

ATTN: Nancy Crane, FDA

RE: FDA Draft Proposal to Codex CCNFSDU on Dietary Supplements

Dear Dr. Yetley:

The FDA language, as proposed in 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.

My family and I insist that you strike the above proposed revision in item 5.9 and replace it with the following recommendation: "All labels should bear claims similar to those provided for under the American Dietary 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." Please cease all attempts to create an international standard for vitamins and minerals at Codex. This matter should be left for national authorities to decide.

Please remember, Dr. Yetley, that the FDA lost the Pearson court decision on First Amendment grounds and was forced to allow health claims on labels pertaining to folic acid and the prevention of neural tube defects. (Pearson v Thomson, www.emord.com). This is as it should be. Americans should not be, and do not want to be, restricted by international standards for vitamins and minerals. Please stop trying to circumvent U.S. law while representing the U.S.A. at Codex meetings in Germany. You must not violate the spirit of DSHEA in an international forum.

We are copying this letter to our Senators and Congresswoman and asking them to oppose all efforts to erode U.S. sovereignty via FTAA. A gross injustice such as the EU's attempt to ban consumer access to dietary supplements must not be tolerated in our country.

Sincerely,

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