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Dear Nancy: I urge you to eliminate the item 5.9 of agenda item No. 6 in the draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements.

I have Pemphigus Vulgaris, a terrible disorder that destroys the mucous membrane tissues in my mouth, throat and nose as well as surface skin. The many drugs prescribed by my physicians did nothing to help me - in fact, the many side effects were destroying my internal organs - completing the total destruction of my body more rapidly than the disorder itself!

I recovered my health only after starting nutritional supplements available directly from the manufacturer. I am not in remission,; I need the supplements every day of my life. Because I am able able to purchase this supplement containing eight monosacharides am I able to live a full life without the burden of illness and discomfort.

I know there are many supplements on the market that do not contain label claims and do not benefit the individual, other supplements, sold by responsible and ethical companies, do provide nutrients that support the body's ability to heal and protect itself.

The company that provides the supplements that I take daily maintains pharmaceutical quality standards and is highly regarded by the National Institute of Health as well as many organizations dedicated to improving the health of our citizens.

Please do not support a broad statement that will harshly affect the manufacturers of supplements that are ethical and worthy of our trust. Surely other measures can be taken that will separate the honest labelers from the dishonest ones. Please insure that all actions of the FDA are in the best interest of the citizens who have the right, in our country, to make decisions regarding their health. After all, look at the drugs being advertised on our Television every day and night. Instead of informing people by suggesting viewers to investigate the underlying cause for their heartburn, pains and discomforts, we are urged to ask our physicians for a drug that can only treat symptoms and does nothing to heal or cure the underlying cause.

Only the body can heal itself - and it can do this when it is provided the nutrition it is lacking. It would be better to investigate the scandal of our "green" harvest that has eliminated the all-important anti-oxidants and phyto-chemicals that help the body toward health from our grocery stores.

Your time would be better spent asking the questions: Why are children suffering adult onset diabetes? Why are our children being given a Class II drug instead of the vine ripened fresh fruits and vegetables that contain the nutrition missing from their diets that is causing them to be diagnosed as "ADD"? Why are so many of our children suffering from Asthma? Why, after more than 30 years of the "War on Cancer" has cancer gone from the #8 killer of U.S. citizens to the #2 killer - soon to be #1? Why are Lupus and Chronic Fatigue "new" diseases that are growing ever more common?

Surely, even the phony supplements, haven't caused these problems and illnesses. It's quite obvious the pharmaceutical manufacturers are growing ever more worried about the American public gaining more knowledge about supplements, nutraceuticals, natural choices, etc. Being better informed and able to distinguish between taking a drug with a certain, harmful side effect (vs) natural supplements that provide missing nutrition. Please don't give us reason to suspect the FDA is a willing tool of the manufacturers of drugs.

Sincerely,

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