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To Whom It May Concern:

We were very distressed to learn that in the upcoming meeting of the CODEX Committee there is a very troublesome item on the agenda. In the U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, item No. 6, Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements, the labeling proposal, item 5.9 states: "We recommend the following revision: "All labels should bear a statement that a supplement should be taken on the advice of a nutritionist, a dietician, or a medical doctor."

This proposed label should be eliminated from any U.S. position paper.

We want the FDA to delete item 5.9 of agenda No. 6 in the draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements. It is every citizen's right to be able to purchase supplements without untruthful and misleading information on the labels. The proposed labeling is regressive, and not in the best interest of the U.S. consumer. It is also in violation of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSEA).

Very truly yours,
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