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As a health professional who has worked with nutrition and dietary supplements for years, I am concerned about the U.S. Draft Positions for the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses.

I am specifically concerned about a very troublesome item in the agenda item No. 6, Proposed Draft Guidelines for Vitamin and Mineral Supplements (at step 4). I am strongly opposed to the following wording? "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'"

I urge the FDA to delete item 5.9 of agenda item No. 6 in the draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements.

We fought long and hard for the passage of the DSHEA law. It should not be undermined in any way. Item 5.9 is in violation of that law. Every citizen has the right to choose on their own what supplements that want to take.

Sincerely,

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