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Nancy,

I have recently learned of the contents of the US Draft Positions for the CODEX Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses.

Item No. 6 in the agenda deals with proposed draft guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements. I believe this is at step 4. The US proposed draft position on labeling, 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 proposal on labeling should be eliminated from any US position paper. It is in direct contravention and violation of the *Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA)*

DSHEA recognized and gives every citizen the right and responsibility to be the gatekeeper for truthful and non-misleading information about nutrition. Item 5.9 of the labeling proposal is regressive, misleading and not in the best interest of the US consumer.

Why is a Canadian writing to you about proposed US position on labeling? For two reasons. First, friends don't let friends make mistakes. All laws and Acts dovetail with one another, rather than creating opposing views.

And second, many nutritional supplements manufactured in the US are destined for Canada. Further, US policy eventually impacts on Canada. It just follows when a big dog barks, smaller dogs respond, whether the big dog is right or WRONG!

DSHEA is an excellent law. Canada is using it as a model for laws governing nutritional supplements in our country.

Now from one woman to another, this is your heads-up to get in the trenches, girl and get the boys to stop muddying the waters!

Sincerely,

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