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It has come to my attention that there are steps being taken to allow only licensed professionals to recommend vitamin and mineral supplements. i am most opposed to this because most medical professionals have very inferior knowledge of nutrition. They are educated by the drug industry, which has no reason to want to see their market share diluted by people who might actually become healthy through prevention.

Statistics indicate that medicine, actually, has failed us. Here are some statistics:  
(from the Journal of the American Medical Association)

Over 180,000 people are killed annually by medical care- a rate equal to about 400 jumbo jet crashes a year. That is 8 crashes a week!

Side effects of medication - prescribed by doctors- 4th leading cause of death in America.

Nearly 100,000 Americans die each year from medical errors (Institute of Medicine)

Over 80,000 Americans die annually from infections acquired while being treated in a hospital.

Nearly 50% of the surgical operations in the U.S. are unnecessary and expose patients to serious risk of injury and death.

I do not sell supplements, but i cherish my right to purchase them, and would not under any circumstance go to a so-called "medical professional"-

I WANT ITEM 5.9 OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6 OF THE LABELING PROPOSAL DELETED!

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