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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to see that Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is beginning to enforce its mandate under DSHEA. The component within DSHEA that addresses consumer safety is and was needed.

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I am a little disturbed that FDA believes it needs increased legislative authority. The original mandate established by congress was to enable ready enforcement of consumer safety without overbearing intrusion into that marketplace. That remains possible under DSHEA without any additional legislative mandate. The FDA assuming a more active role in regulation of the dietary supplements marketplace these past few years evidences this.

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Simply put, I believe that FDA can regulate ephedra or any other product that endangers public health without changing DSHEA as it stands.

After all, DSHEA made provision that it is within FDA's jurisprudence to stop the sale of an entire class of dietary supplements if they pose and immediate health risk. If a single ingredient is a risk to public health and safety, then FDA can simply seize a product in which that ingredient is found. Those are the rules set up in DSHEA.

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Former FDA commissioner, Dr. Jane Henney, stated before congress that DSHEA provided FDA with the necessary legal authority to protect public health. I agree with her. No additional legislated authority is needed or required.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mills".

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