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Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am the owner of a dietary supplement company in Phoenix, AZ. I have been involved in the natural products industry for 13 years.

I register and export products to several foreign countries, and have seen that many of them are so restrictive that their citizens are denied access to products that have been proven to be helpful in many conditions. Conversely, DSHEA has actually improved customer access to many fine products, while giving the FDA what appears to be sufficient authority to protect consumers against unsafe products or those with false and misleading claims.

In spite of the fact that the FDA has only recently started to initiate enforcement measures against ephedra-containing products under DSHEA, you are already requesting increased authority of regulation over the entire supplement industry. If you are unable to put sufficient controls over these ephedra-containing products under full implementation of DSHEA, then I would endorse giving you more power. Until then, I do not believe that it is either necessary, in the best interest of supplement consumers or in the best interests of the nutritional supplement industry.

Even the former FDA commissioner, Dr. Jane Kenney, stated that she believes that DSHEA give the FDA sufficient legal authority to carry out its mission of protecting the public health. At this point, I strongly support DSHEA, and I do not believe that any additional legislative authority is necessary.

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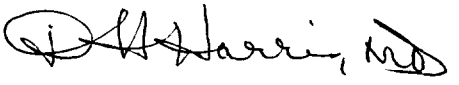
Sincerely,



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