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Dear Dr. Benz:

I am a dog, cat and horse owner and I have just learned that you are considering the removal from sale of supplements designed for animals. I do not agree with this action. I think that supplements designed by veterinarians or others knowledgeable in animal physiology that are appropriate in dose and chemistry for my animals is a very, very good thing. Too many pet owners are ignorant of what "human" medications will adversely affect their animals and I can foresee disaster ahead for the poor animals.

While I realize that there are problems with some companies and products, removal of animal supplements from sale will not solve the problem; indeed it will significantly worsen the situation. Many of these products have been safely used over the years and have been very successful.

Please, find a different way to ensure quality control and making sure that labels are correct. Removing safe supplements from sale is not the answer.

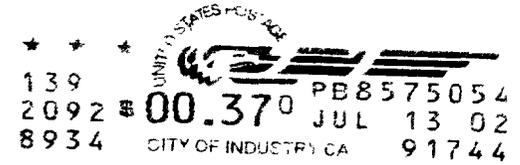
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Peterson", written in a cursive style.

LINDA PETERSON
Executive Vice President

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