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Dear Sir:

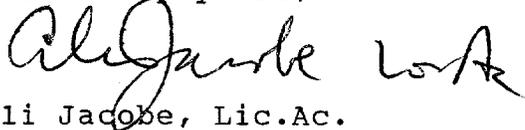
RE: Comment Period concerning Dietary Supplements
Containing Ephedrine Alkaloids

I write as licensed medical professional whose scope of practice as an acupuncturist in Massachusetts specifically includes Chinese herbology.

Our profession is trained and certified in the appropriate use of MaHuang (ephedra sinensis) in its native state and in simple whole plant extracts, primarily in established combination formulas. I request that any regulations you consider ought not to impede our established methods of patient care. (We are not interested in pharmaceutically produced or isolated ephedrine alkaloids.)

You have, I am sure, received learned explanations from our professional organizations and from professional-grade herbal producers. As a clinician, I merely add my voice to request that licensed acupuncturists be able to continue to access Chinese Mahuang herb (both in native form and in manufactured products) for professional dispensing, as at present.

Sincerely yours,



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