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April 26, 2000

Dr. Jane E Henney  
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 Food and Drug Administration  
 5600 Fishers Ln  
 Rockville, Maryland 20857-0001

Dear Dr. Henney:

Thank you for your letter dated April 12, 2000 which welcomes public and industry participation in the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) deliberation process regarding the safety status of dietary supplements containing Ephedra.

In your letter you mention a frustration in the FDA's inability to attain usage, State standards, and market segment information from the dietary supplement industry; similarly, several leading trade associations have voiced a concern for their inability to fully review and comment on the FDA's evaluation data in the allowed 45 day period for public review.

Whereas an extended public review and comment period could conceivably provide the FDA with the market information it is needing from the dietary supplement industry, I urge you to consider extending the present 45 day public comment period to an amount of time that is at least equivalent to the time in which the FDA used to analyze this information.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff, Amy Havel in our San Marcos District Office, with any questions that you may have concerning this request.

Sincerely,

*Ron Paul*  
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