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Office of Nutritional Products/Labeling & Dietary
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C Street, SW (HFS-810)
Washington, D.C. 20204

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Basics B-50 supplement under our DEI brand name:

- The B complex is essential for the maintenance of healthy nervous tissue.
- The B vitamins play a role in energy metabolism in the body.
- Choline and Inositol are essential components of cell membranes and play important roles in cell growth and function.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

Ona Scandurra, MS, RD
Director of Nutrition Communications

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