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Office of Nutritional Products  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

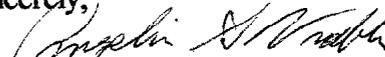
This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Time Release Joint Soother™ supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, and Vitamin World:

**Ingredients:** Glucosamine Sulfate ·2KCl, Chondroitin Sulfate, Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM)

- Helps promote healthy joint and cartilage maintenance.
- Joint Soother™ combines the top three structural components found in popular joint support products. Scientific studies indicate that Glucosamine helps provide the building blocks for supporting cartilage.
- Chondroitin helps to maintain joint cartilage.
- MSM is an organic source of sulfur and synergistically enhances the benefits of Glucosamine and Chondroitin to support cartilage health.
- When taken as part of your daily supplement schedule, Joint Soother™ is a formulary matrix that helps revitalize the cellular components within the joints.

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

Sincerely,

  
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