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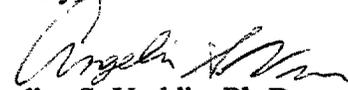
Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Acetyl-L-Carnitine 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, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

- Promotes/Supports Memory and Brain function.
- Acetyl-L-Carnitine is responsible for long-chain fatty acid transport for ATP production within the mitochondria.
- Scientific studies show that Acetyl-L-Carnitine promotes brain metabolism, memory and cognitive function, especially mild memory problems associated with aging.

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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