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Honorable John T. **Doolittle**  
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Dear John **Doolittle**:

On March 16, the United Nations will be meeting **to** decide on whether I will be required to obtain a **doctor's** prescription before I can take dietary supplements containing ephedra. I strongly oppose this **action**. Nobody should be able to take away my **legal** right to buy these supplements on my own without a **doctor's** prescription as allowed by the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (**DSHEA**).

The notice of the recommendation the UN is voting on was published by the Food and Drug Administration in the January 11, 1999 Federal Register, Docket No. **98N-0148**.

Very soon the Secretary of the **Department** of Health and Human Services, Donna **Shalala**, will decide how the United States will vote at the UN meeting. Please contact her right away to say that you want the US to vote NO at the UN.

**Sincerely,**

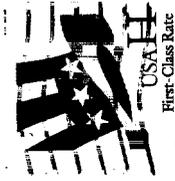
  
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