

The Honorable John Linder
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Dear Honorable Mr. Linder,

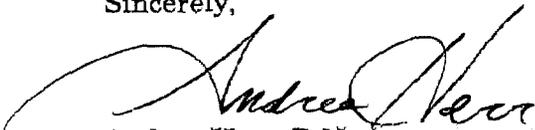
On March 16, the United Nations will be meeting to decide on whether I will be required to obtain a doctor's prescription before I can take dietary supplements containing ephedra. I **strongly oppose this action. Nobody should be able to take away my legal right to buy these supplements on my own without 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.**

It is my opinion that this supplement doesn't even belong in a topic regarding narcotic drugs. Narcotics are dangerous, addictive, and life-destroying drugs when abused. **Please protect my constitutional right to make these decisions for myself by keeping ephedra under the DSHEA, where it belongs.**

Sincerely,



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