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Dear Sir or Madam:

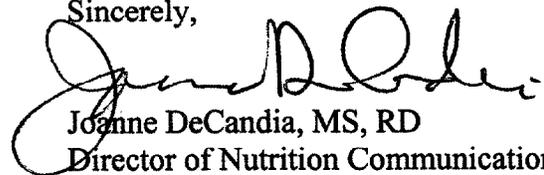
This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Balanced B-50 supplements under the CVS label:

Ingredients: Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B-6, Folic Acid, Vitamin B-12, Biotin, Panthothenic Acid.

- Promotes Healthy Energy Metabolism
- The B Complex is comprised of 8 vitamins that work together to support nervous system health and energy metabolism.

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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