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**Subject: FDA Regulations**

**Dear Sir or Madam:**

**I own a wholesale vitamin/supplement company in Murfreesboro, TN and my family has been in the natural food industry for over 30 years. Both my customers and I appreciate how the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 improved consumer access to dietary supplements and information about them, while increasing consumer protection against unsafe products and false and misleading claims.**

**I am concerned that FDA has only just begun to initiate aggressive enforcement actions under DSHEA, yet is calling for suggestions for increased legislative authority in order to better regulate the supplement industry. Shouldn't you first give these recent efforts a chance to work, and perhaps even issue good manufacturing practices for supplements, before calling for new laws?**

**Simply put, I believe the agency can regulate ephedra without dismantling DSHEA.**

**The former FDA commissioner, Dr. Jane Henney, has even stated before Congress that she believes that DSHEA provides FDA with the necessary legal authority to protect the public health. I agree with Dr. Henney, strongly support DSHEA and do not think any additional legislative authority is necessary.**

**Let me tell you why. I am a 46 year old male and I have not been to a doctor for an illness since I was 6 years old. Only when my family turned to alternative medicine 40 plus years ago we were able to treat basic illnesses on our own. Again I own a wholesale supplement company and we sale three different Ephedra based weight loss supplements and have sold thousands of bottles over the past 7 years. We have not had one customer complaint about these products. It's just the simple fact that anyone can abuse anything that and cause complications.**

**Sincerely,**

**David E. Milligan  
President**

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