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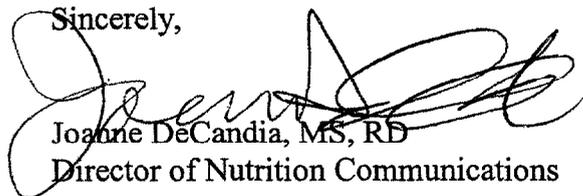
Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Chondroitin Sulfate 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, PhysioLogics, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

- Helps Maintain Joint Cartilage.
- Chondroitin Sulfate is an important molecular component of glycosaminoglycans, key structural components in joints.
- Chondroitin Sulfate helps maintain the structural framework of joints to promote comfortable movement.
- Chondroitin Sulfate plays a role in the complex connective tissue matrix responsible for cushioning joints and bones.

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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