

PLEASE PROTECT DSHEA

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Senator Tom Harkin
Chairman, Committee on Health, Education
Committee on Agriculture
Appropriations Subcommittee on HHS

Senator Orrin Hatch
Committee on Health, Education
Committee on Aging
Committee on the Judiciary

Dear Senators Harkin and Hatch:

Thank you for your continued service to protect my health freedom and my access to dietary supplements. **I support the continued protection of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA).** Its preservation is one of the keys to lowering health care costs in this country and protecting my personal liberty.

DSHEA continues to be under attack by those who want to drag food supplements down into a drug regulatory framework. I want you to have my voice heard in supporting the protection of DSHEA and am reaching out to the two of you to ask for your continued leadership and vigilance on this matter. As a part of protecting DSHEA, I am asking that you find a legislative solution to having the FDA acknowledge and adopt Section 410 of the Food Drug and Modernization Act passed into law in 1997. This section forbade the harmonization of any international guideline. The FDA has not in 12 years updated their Code of Federal Regulations relative to one major international body (Codex) to note that any guideline relative to dietary supplements will be exempted from consideration. This failure leaves many in fear that the provisions in the 2005 Codex Guideline on Vitamin and Mineral Supplements that will set potency levels (which contradict existing US law) will be adopted by the FDA as they are published by the Codex. I like many Americans would like the peace of mind that can be received through an official rejection of these 2005 Guidelines.

I am also concerned that provisions in the food safety bills currently working their way through Congress may be used to undo DSHEA and Section 410 of FDAMA. I am asking that you work together to insert an exemption or exclusion for dietary supplements in any food safety bill relative to the adoption or harmonization of international guidelines. Both S-510 (Durbin) and HR 1332 (Costa) contain dangerous provisions to encourage the increased reliance on Codex Alimentarius recommendations by the United States. **If adopted in their current form the FDA is being encouraged to destroy DSHEA.**

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