

CAFTA Letter

The Honorable (Congressperson Full Name)

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Re: CAFTA VOTE - URGENT

Dear Representative (Last Name):

I am writing to urge you to vote against the Central American Free Trade Act (CAFTA).

While you and your colleagues may believe that CAFTA will promote regional trade, I do not support CAFTA because it contains (in Section 6) stipulations that would require the United States, as a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), to revise our food laws and regulations, based on decisions made by another WTO tribunal, the Codex Alimentarius (International Food Code) Commission, or Codex. The WTO recognizes Codex standards as a source of international regulation for WTO members. The WTO can and has sanctioned nations for not following Codex guidelines.

The passage of CAFTA would force the “harmonization” of our dietary-supplement laws and regulations to international standards, as established by the supranational Codex Commission. Doing so would drastically infringe on the quality of dietary supplements and access to supplements that people like me are used to. The passage of CAFTA could effectively override the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) of 1994. CAFTA would devastate our health freedom of choice, destroy thousands of small businesses in the health foods and dietary supplement fields, and negatively impact the 60 million regular consumers of dietary supplements like myself.

Any treaty that leads to the banning of thousands of safe products cannot be described as “free trade.” There are better ways to globalize. If this cannot be done without threatening my basic right to have access to nutritional choices, then we should scrap CAFTA and start over. I appreciate your consideration of my views and look forward to knowing what your position is on this legislation.

Sincerely,
