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The Honorable (Senator's Full Name)
United States Senator
Office Address
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Senate Bill 1538

Dear Senator (Last name):

This letter is in opposition to SB 1538, DSHEA Full Implementation & Enforcement Act introduced by Senator Tom Harkin on July 31, 2003 and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

As a consumer who also opposes s.722, I feel s.1538 in its appearance of being good legislation, is only a "false alternative" to the threat of the Durbin bill. Claiming that s.1538 will be a positive by "fully implementing" the DSHEA is ignoring the obvious. The excessive amounts of funding that will be allocated to the FDA (who is already well funded) for implementation will only strangle my health-freedoms and permit over-regulation and enforcement. I am wanting my options to be broadened, not restricted when it comes to my rights to choose involving personal health care.

In these times of budget constraints, this exorbitant funding of over \$100 million dollars scheduled for the FDA to do with virtually as it wishes definitely could be better spent elsewhere. More bureaucratic control and throwing more money at the FDA when it already has enough just is not the answer. The FDA is adequately funded already and more money is not the answer to a nonexistent problem.

Safety is important but dietary supplements are already far safer than foods or drugs.

I would like to know that you will oppose this legislation, which is nothing more than a misallocation of scarce resources.

Sincerely

[Signature]

[Your Name]

[Your Address]