

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-4314

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Dear Dr. Scarbrough:

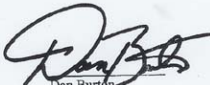
We urge you to postpone ratification of the Codex Alimentarius Commission's Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Use on vitamin and nutrition guidelines, since these guidelines, in their current form, are contrary to the principles of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) and establish an incorrect international model for regulating vitamins, minerals and eventually all dietary supplements.

As you know, the U.S. Congress passed DSHEA by unanimous consent with the support of millions of Americans in order to protect American's health choices. DSHEA is a safe and sound model that works. The U.S. Codex Delegation has a consumer and Congressional mandate to acknowledge and defend the basic principles of DSHEA and should labor to ensure that no trade-related barriers of access to safe, innovative and effective dietary supplements are created or approved in the Codex guidelines.

In conclusion, we urge you to postpone ratification of any Codex vitamin and nutrition guidelines which conflict with DSHEA and ensure that Codex addresses important issues such as the role dietary supplements play in optimal health, worldwide hunger and nutrition and the appropriate science model for nutrients are revisited. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,


Ron Paul


Dan Burton


Peter DeFazio