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The Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you regarding Directive 2002/46/EC, the so-called Food Supplements Directive, to urge you to ensure that UK consumers continue to have the freedom to carry on buying the food supplements they need.

As you commented yourself in May 2005, the directive is "wholly out of proportion to the risks run". With this in mind I ask you ensure that you do everything in your power to ensure that the wishes and rights of UK consumers are voiced in the process leading up to the establishment of maximum permitted levels of vitamins and minerals in food supplements. The UK government's stance on this issue until now has been welcomed. It must now hold firm on this, in line with the wishes of its public, and not be influenced by other member states who are seeking to completely block the use of certain nutrients.

This is a matter of considerable urgency, since the road to setting maximum levels is now officially underway following publication of the European Commission's consultation document on the setting of maximum and minimum levels of vitamins and minerals in foodstuffs.

I have already written to Commissioner Kyprianou on this issue and urge you to give your full commitment to ensuring the protection of the right of UK consumers - not least those with specific dietary requirements - to take foods supplements in the required dosages.

With thanks in advance for your cooperation on this issue. I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours Sincerely



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