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Dear Commissioner,

You may recall, from the case brought by the Alliance for Natural Health, that European consumers, especially those in the UK, are incredibly concerned about the potential consequences of Directive 2002/46/EC, the so-called Food Supplements Directive. As the process for determining maximum dosage levels for vitamins and minerals gets underway, I am writing to urge you to ensure that UK consumers are allowed to carry on buying the food supplements they need.

A number of constituents have written to me about how a reduced maximum dosage level would affect their lives. For example, I have heard from an ME sufferer who relies on vitamins and minerals to keep himself healthy, and from a woman who is dependent on food supplements to manage her son's attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

When they use supplements, consumers are accustomed to consulting the information available about recommended daily allowances and so forth. I see no reason why this situation needs to be altered in the case of tried and tested supplements, unless there is scientific evidence that suggests otherwise.

I look forward to hearing your views on this.

Yours sincerely,



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