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Dear:

I appreciate the letter setting forth your views regarding the regulations recently proposed by the Food and Drug Administration. There will be a hearing later this year to give all interested parties an opportunity to voice opposition to these regulations. The controversial portions will not take effect until hearings have been concluded, and may subsequently be amended, of course.

You might wish to note that under the new regulations individuals can still obtain, without prescription, food supplements containing vitamins and minerals at levels recognized to be adequate for good nutrition.

House Concurrent Resolution 807, which would provide for a congressional expression of intent, namely that the Food and Drug Administration await congressional action in the area of diet foods and diet supplements, is not expected to receive attention by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee this year and will thus expire at the adjournment of the 89th Congress.

Thank you for giving me the benefit of your views on this subject.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen