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Natural Health Activists Applaud Congressman Hultgren's (R-IL) Congressional Remarks

Congressman defends dietary supplements from FDA regulatory overreach and earns applause from grassroots supporters.

Washington, DC (December 21, 2011) -- The Alliance for Natural Health USA (ANH-USA) applauds Congressman Randy Hultgren (R-IL 14) for a statement he made on the House floor this month that warned against the overregulation of dietary supplements. The statement below has been entered into the Congressional Record.

Natural health activists have been working with congressional members and their staff on Capitol Hill to educate them about vitamin supplements and the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recent attempt to limit access to natural health options.

"We thank Congressman Hultgren and appreciate him speaking out against FDA's attempts to regulate out of existence the dietary supplements million of consumers and practitioner depend upon for health," said Darrell Rogers, Communications and Campaigns Director for ANH-USA. "If FDA enforces their draft guidance for New Dietary Ingredients it would be devastating to supplement consumers and the economy, while ignoring the intent and letter of the law that governs the dietary supplement industry. We plan to pursue all regulatory, legislative, and legal remedies to preserve our access to natural health and sincerely thank Rep. Hultgren for calling attention to this effort," remarked Rogers.

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(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my concern over another example of rampant government regulation.

For 17 years, the Food and Drug Administration has sought to ignore congressional intent and create a vast new regulatory regime for dietary supplements. Millions of Americans, including many of my constituents and my family, rely on dietary supplements as part of their everyday health maintenance routine. Moreover, they play an important role in ensuring that people take individual responsibility for preventative health care. We all can agree that the FDA should not limit Americans' access to dietary supplements.

In January President Obama issued an Executive order to ensure that the FDA's new rules will not limit access. Last week, the comment period on the FDA's draft guidance closed. Now that they've heard from the public, and now that I'm sure they've heard from countless Americans who share my concern, I urge them to go back to the drawing board and ensure that they do not limit Americans' access to dietary supplements.

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About the Alliance for Natural Health USA (ANH-USA)

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The Alliance for Natural Health USA is part of an international organization dedicated to promoting natural, sustainable healthcare through good science and good law. We protect the right of natural health practitioners to practice, and the right of consumers to choose the healthcare options and treatment modalities they prefer, including complementary and alternative medicine. As a membership-based organization, we unite consumers, practitioners, and industry to speak with a common voice and have worked since 1992 to shift the medical paradigm from an exclusive focus on surgery, drugs and other conventional techniques to an “integrative” approach incorporating food, dietary supplements and lifestyle changes.