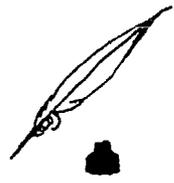


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Dear Sir or Madame;

I was upset to hear about proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993 in its present form for a number of reasons.

First, as a Natures Sunshine Distributor and as a user of these fine products, I feel the seven day waiting period makes it appear as though these are somehow suspicious and one should have time to "think it over" before using them. On the contrary, Natures Sunshine Products are carefully regulated. In my case, these supplements have been superior to pharmaceuticals which left me with devastating side effects. I am speaking of Levaquin, an fluoroquinolone antibiotic. After taking one tablet I was practically non-functional for 2 1/2 years. Natures Sunshine Products pulled me. I value these products highly and I feel they are equally valuable to my clients.

Putting a seven day waiting period on these products would cause unnecessary delays in obtaining the products I and my customers want, need and have a right to purchase.

Natural products such as Natures Sunshine Products, to my knowledge, are seldom involved in lawsuits because there is almost no risk of damage. On the contrary, pharmaceuticals have an extremely high risk. However, as you know, anyone can sue for anything. To be required to report on any frivolous litigation attempt and not on the outcome is unfair.

Providing references about purchasers is a violation of the privacy act.

Many NSP distributors, like me, earn a very limited amount of money by offering these products. We use them for ourselves and provide them for a few friends. Requiring an Earnings Claim Statement and other paperwork would discourage people from using these helpful products.

I see no reason for this proposed regulation. It flies in the face of small businesses as well as in the public's right to a choice of health care products.

As mentioned earlier, I became a satisfied customer of NSP because they helped me regain my health after a devastating and debilitating experience with a pharmaceutical drug. I began using NSP in 1999 and have been a distributor since about 2000. I make very little money from them - usually about \$23 a month. I make them available to clients, but as it is, most choose not to order. They prefer to go to the health food store and buy products off the shelf because they don't want to bother with calling in or mailing in an order. More regulations would further discourage ordering and contribute to taking a valuable health care product out of the hands of consumers.

I ask you to please deny this attempt by the Federal Trade Commission to take this business opportunity and this right to choice in health care away from direct sellers.

Thank you.

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