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**Nature's Helpers, Inc.**

June 7, 2006

RE: Business Opportunity Rule - R511993



Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this in regard to the above rule. I am a regional manager working under a wonderful company, Nature's Sunshine Products, a direct sales company that distributes natural herbs and vitamin supplements. Nature's Sunshine Products has been in business since 1972. I have worked with them since 1977 - almost 30 years.

This business is my income. I'm 85 years old and still working and in good health, thanks to my business. I am a widow and there is no way I could afford to live in my own home, pay high taxes and high insurance, etc. if it were not for my business income. If you pass the above rule, R511993, I will have only my social security to live on.

I just wrote out my quarterly check to the U S Treasury for estimated payments for \$2125. I appreciate having my business and paying my taxes. I am just one of thousands of direct sales people. So you can see how the government is going to lose much income if this rule is passed. There are 4 reasons I say this:

1. The seven day period is not a good idea. It is negative and much more work and delays. When someone needs supplements, they need them right now, not later.
2. I have never, in almost 30 years, had a lawsuit or even a dissatisfied customer.
3. To be required to list 10 nearest distributors might add to identity theft and safety issues.
4. I don't feel this new broad language is necessary. We all seem to do very good as things are.

There may be people or companies out there that are involved in fraudulent activities but please don't punish everyone for that minority. Our company has very high standards and has an impeccable reputation. Maybe you can find a way to set standards for new companies coming into existence that will protect people.

So please give this serious thought. I really can't afford to lose my income. I'm so happy with my business. My customers call me "mom". We have a good relationship. So let us continue to help finance our government as things are now.

Sincerely,

Verna M. Hartley, Regional Manager  
Nature's Helpers, Inc.