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Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Docket No. FDA-2008-P-0248-0001/CP - Citizen Petition
requesting the FDA to determine that claims that dietary supplements
promote, assist or otherwise help weight loss are disease claims

To whom it may concern:

The National Consumers League (NCL), the nation's oldest consumer
advocacy group, supports the Citizen Petition submitted on April 17th
2008 requesting the FDA to determine that claims that dietary
supplements promote weight loss are disease claims. Such a
determination would require those dietary supplements making weight
loss claims to undergo review by the FDA before being marketed to the
public.

NCL is a private, nonprofit consumer education and advocacy group
representing consumers in the marketplace and in the workplace.
Founded in 1899, we are the nation's oldest consumer organization.
Assuring that consumers can purchase safe and effective healthcare
products, including dietary supplements, is of primary concern to the
League.

Obesity is a major public health problem in this country and we know
that consumers turn to various products to help them lose weight. NCL
is disturbed by the growing number of products, including dietary
supplements, making unsubstantiated weight loss claims. In order to
seriously address the issue of obesity, consumers need to be armed with
accurate information and tools that safely and effectively fight obesity.
Unsubstantiated claims of weigh loss by dietary supplements can only
impede efforts made by millions of American to lose weight. Therefore,

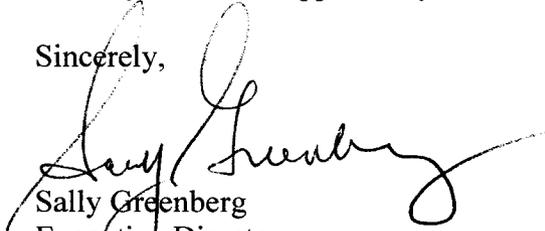
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we support the petitioners' request that FDA treat weight loss claims for dietary supplements as disease claims, thereby requiring that such claims be based on scientific evidence.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Sally Greenberg
Executive Director
National Consumers League

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