

Sample Constituent Email or Letter

[email subject line: DSHEA: Let's Make it Work!]

[Date]

OPPOSE: **S 722** **Durbin Bill**
SUPPORT: **S 1538** **Hatch and Harkin Bill**

Dear Senator: [_____]:

As a voter in your state and one of the 150 million Americans who use dietary supplements every day, I am writing to ask you to oppose S 722, a bill introduced by Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) that would unnecessarily impair the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) current efforts to implement the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA). Rather than reinventing the wheel, let's allow FDA to fully implement DSHEA.

DSHEA is a good law that was overwhelmingly supported by the American public and passed unanimously by both houses of Congress in 1994. It provides the power and authority to deal effectively with any problem facing dietary supplements. FDA has made great strides recently in implementing the law. Don't make them start all over again.

In addition, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) have introduced S 1538, a bill that would provide more funds to the FDA over the next 5 years to step up enforcement. The legislation is called: **DSHEA Full Implementation and Enforcement Act of 2003**.

Please oppose S 722, a bill that would overburden a system that can work once it is fully enforced, and support S 1538, a bill that would provide more resources to enable FDA to make that enforcement a reality.

Sincerely,

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