



Letters to the Editor
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To the Editor:

In his Oct. 15 Perspective piece “American Roulette – Contaminated Dietary Supplements,” Pieter A. Cohen, M.D., does not state clearly that every contaminated product he cites is illegal under existing federal law. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has ample authority to police contaminated dietary supplements and did so in each of the cited cases. The American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) continues to ask FDA to vigorously enforce the law, and for Congress to fund those efforts.

AHPA strongly agrees with Dr. Cohen on the importance of communication between doctor and patient. AHPA has taken the position for nearly a decade that individuals should inform their healthcare providers of their supplement use. In this regard, AHPA encourages healthcare providers to seek out accurate information about herbal products so they may communicate meaningfully with their patients.

Sincerely,

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