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FDA Nominee Uses Supplements Daily and Promises Access During Tenure *NPA Calls for Senate Confirmation and Sends Letter Outlining Industry Priorities*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Natural Products Association in a letter today called on the Senate to confirm Dr. Scott Gottlieb to lead the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

“The swift confirmation of Dr. Gottlieb to lead the FDA is important not only to the health of millions of Americans but also to the health of the United States economy,” said Dan Fabricant, CEO and President of NPA. “Our members produce products that are manufactured and sold in every state in the country as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.”

NPA’s letter to the United States Senate can be viewed [here](#).

Dr. Gottlieb recently answered a question from the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) promising to enforce the current laws governing the supplement industry. “As someone who uses dietary supplements every day, I believe they serve an important role in health promotion for millions of Americans and I support consumer access to these products,” **said Dr. Gottlieb**. “I believe the regulatory framework established under DSHEA is the right one, and if confirmed, I would commit to enforcing DSHEA, as intended by Congress.”

According to the Nutrition Business Journal, sales of supplements grew 6.2% in 2016 (compared to 5.9% in 2015 and 5.1% in 2014), to reach the \$39 billion mark. U.S. natural and organic food channel saw sales grow 10.7% to 67.2 billion in 2015. The entire natural products industry, including food, beverages, supplements, and personal care products (i.e. cosmetics) grew nearly 10% to \$180 billion in 2015.

Natural Products Association

The **Natural Products Association (NPA)** is *the* trade association representing the entire natural products industry. We advocate for our members who supply, manufacture and sell natural ingredients or products for consumers. The Natural Products Association promotes good manufacturing practices as part of the growth and success of the industry. Founded in 1936, NPA represents over 1,400 members accounting for more than 10,000 locations of retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements, and health/beauty aids. Visit www.NPAinfo.org.

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