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Former FDA Official Available to Discuss Findings of New Study on Cancer Risk Among Smokers Taking Vitamin B Supplements *Smoking and Environmental Factors to Blame for Increased Cancer Risk, Not Vitamin B*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Natural Products Association (NPA) today rejected a study by researchers blaming vitamin B use by male smokers for an increased risk of cancer. Dr. Dan Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO of NPA pointed to environmental factors and tobacco use as the more likely cause for increased cancer risk. Dr. Fabricant is a former head of the Dietary Supplement Division at the Food and Drug Administration and is available to discuss the findings of the report.

“People who want to avoid cancer should avoid using tobacco, because smoking causes lung cancer, not vitamin B,” said Dr. Fabricant. “This study is flawed and ignores the potential for a host of other environmental factors and causes. Millions of healthy individuals use vitamins and supplements, including vitamin B to support their lifestyles.”

Schedule an Interview

To schedule an interview with Dr. Fabricant immediately, please contact Justin Bartolomeo at 202-789-4365 or jbartolomeo@hdmk.org

Dan Fabricant is a Leading Expert in the Field of Dietary Supplement Use and Regulation. Dr. Fabricant has more than a decade of regulatory, legislative and scientific experience in the natural products industry. Prior to being named CEO of NPA, the nation’s largest and oldest trade organization representing the natural products industry, Dr. Fabricant directed agency policy, public affairs and regulatory action regarding regulation of the dietary supplement industry for more than three years at the FDA. While with the agency, he successfully navigated the large, heavily-matrixed governmental organizational structure to bring life to a regulatory function that was non-existent for almost 20 years. Before his time at the FDA, Dr. Fabricant was vice president, global government and scientific affairs, for NPA, responsible for establishing and leading industry coalitions dealing with a range of issues. Dr.



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Fabricant is internationally recognized for his regulatory and governmental public health expertise and natural products research.

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