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NPA Statement on Confirmation of Dr. Stephen Hahn as FDA Commissioner

WASHINGTON, DC – Natural Products Association (NPA) President and CEO Dr. Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., released the following statement in response to the confirmation of Dr. Stephen Hahn by the U.S. Senate to become Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA):

“We look forward to working with Dr. Hahn and his staff to address much-needed regulation for cannabidiol (CBD) products and enforcement for adulterated dietary supplements.

“Inaction to date in the CBD marketplace has created a scenario that may lead to CBD products being pulled from retail shelves and limiting access to CBD. With thousands of CBD products available in the marketplace and tens of thousands of Americans relying on CBD products, it’s time for FDA to set a safe level for daily CBD use. We hope they will look closely and follow the NPA-sponsored and House-passed legislative approach to CBD regulation pending in the Agriculture Appropriations conference committee, as it is the best pathway to protecting consumers and ensuring science-based rules for this promising ingredient.

“In addition to regulating CBD, action is needed in FDA’s new dietary ingredient (NDI) notification process. Adulterated ingredients that have not completed the NDI notification process are entering our country at an alarming rate and it’s been roughly six years since the FDA provided dietary supplement import alerts to prevent this. This puts American consumers at risk and compliant U.S. supplement makers at a terrible disadvantage. It is our hope that with Dr. Hahn as its new Commissioner, the FDA will take on these much-needed actions to protect American consumers.”

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