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NPA Urges Confirmation of Dr. Stephen Hahn as FDA Commissioner

WASHINGTON, DC – The Natural Products Association (NPA) today urged the U.S. Senate to confirm Dr. Stephen Hahn as the next Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In a letter to U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman, Senator Lamar Alexander and Ranking Member Patty Murray, NPA President and CEO Dr. Daniel Fabricant asked for “the speedy approval of his appointment so that we can begin working with his staff under his oversight 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 the next vaping-like health crisis,” said Dr. Fabricant. “With more than 1,500 CBD products on store shelves across the country and 1 in 7 Americans using CBD, it is past time for consumers to have accurate information on CBD and time for producers to be properly regulated.”

In addition to CBD, Dr. Fabricant stressed the need for addressing the FDA’s 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,” said Dr. Fabricant. “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 next Commissioner, the FDA will take on these much-needed actions to protect American consumers.”

The full letter can be viewed [here](#).

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