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### **Former FDA official and industry leader available to discuss New York Attorney General actions related to "devil's claw" supplements**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Former FDA official Dan Fabricant, Ph.D., Executive Director and CEO of the Natural Products Association (NPA), is available to comment on New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's recent action to issue 13 cease and desist letters to supplement manufacturers of "devil's claw." Earlier this year, NPA and the New York Attorney General's office agreed to collaborate on effective ways to promote product safety, authenticity, and transparency. The Attorney General's actions are based on a study from the New York Botanical Garden that used DNA barcoding.

"More than six months have passed since the Attorney General first began this inquiry and two critical issues remain. First, he has yet to make public or subject to peer review the questionable "science" or "research" on which this action is based. Second, he has not pursued prosecutorial actions in either case. We encourage the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other public health interests to ask the Attorney General to release his findings immediately so they can do the most good for consumer protection in the quickest fashion possible."

Former FDA official Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., Executive Director and CEO of NPA is available to comment on Attorney General Schneiderman's cease and desist orders.

Schedule an Interview

To schedule an interview with Dr. Fabricant immediately, please contact Justin Bartolomeo at 202-400-0480 or [jbartolomeo@hdmk.org](mailto:jbartolomeo@hdmk.org)

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

To participate in NPA's grassroots efforts and send an email to New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman please go here <http://cqrcengage.com/nnfa/app/write-a-letter?6&engagementId=130333>

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