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NPA Keeps Up Pressure on Puerto Rico Over Arbitrary New Fees

NPA Submits Comments to Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico After Ensuring the Issue Would Be Subject to Task Force Review

WASHINGTON, D.C. – NPA today urged the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico to highlight the damaging effects of Administrative Order #346, which established barriers to retailers and distributors of natural products in Puerto Rico through new fees and unnecessary regulations, making it difficult for products to reach consumers. The Task Force is scheduled to issue its report on Puerto Rico's economic status and recommendations by December 31, 2016.

NPA was the only trade association in the industry that worked directly with Congress during the passage of PROMESA, ensuring the industry would have an opportunity to voice its concerns about the order and its negative impact on consumers of dietary supplements and natural products.

"This is nothing more than a potentially illegal money grab by Puerto Rico that will be passed onto consumers in the form of a hidden tax," said Dan Fabricant, Ph.D., CEO and Executive Director of NPA. "It was virtually imposed in the middle of the night and was not subject to public review, comment, or official rulemaking procedures.

"Not only is it significantly burdensome to businesses, consumers, and the dietary supplement industry at-large, it will not alleviate Puerto Rico's budgetary situation," added Dr. Fabricant. "We are hopeful the Task Force will take NPA's comments into consideration and help raise awareness of the damage this wrongheaded policy will have on Puerto Rico."

NPA's grassroots has made an instrumental impact, but encourages everyone to continue to write their legislator to strike down AO #346. Contact your legislator [here](#). NPA's comments and background materials can be seen [here](#).

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