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United States Senator Mike Braun

Dear Senator Braun,

We are the Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Medical Society (IMS). As physicians, we are very interested in ensuring that dietary supplements meet the high-quality standards needed to safely support the health of the nearly 60 percent of Americans who take them each month.

Congress first created a regulatory framework for dietary supplements in 1994 with the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act. But a lot has changed in the industry – and our world – since then. Today there are up to 80,000 products on the market, ranging from everyday multivitamins to probiotics, sleep aids, and more. However, while many consumers take dietary supplement products made by responsible manufacturers, there are also bad actors trying to scam the public through too-good-to-be-true claims on products. An updated regulatory system is needed to protect consumer safety and ensure smarter regulation from the Food and Drug Administration.

Given your common-sense approach to legislating and positions on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions and Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry, we believe you are in the best position to sponsor legislation that strengthens the regulatory framework for dietary supplements.

We plan to bring this issue before the entire IMS board for consideration and will follow up with you regarding their response. Until then, we, the Executive Committee, encourage you to sponsor and support legislation that strengthens the current regulatory system to better protect public and health and meet the needs of the people taking these products regularly.

Sincerely,

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