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## Bill S.1425 Hangs in the Balance

*Dick Durbin's destructive Dietary Supplement Labeling Act awaits review.*

Senator Dick Durbin's latest attack on nutritional supplements—the Dietary Supplement Labeling Act—sits waiting to be unleashed on your health freedom. Durbin's bill, also known as S.1425, has been assigned to a Congressional committee. That committee will review S.1425 and make a decision on whether or not the bill should proceed to the Senate.

This means that right now we have a window of opportunity to send a strong message on Durbin's S.1425. With a loud outcry to our elected officials in Congress, we can nip S.1425 in the bud. If we make enough noise, perhaps we can stop Dick Durbin—and his repeated attacks on your health freedom—once and for all.

### Falling in Line

We must stop this destructive bill now, because S.1425 may be picking up steam with some influential agencies. For example, Consumers Union (affiliated with *Consumer Reports*, a notorious supplement-basher), has issued a statement of endorsement for S.1425. Consumers Union's statement justifies its support of S.1425 by saying "... numerous ingredients found in a variety of supplements ... pose significant dangers to consumers." And with that vague, baseless statement, it becomes abundantly clear that Consumers Union has cheerfully fallen in line with Durbin's wrong-headed thinking.

Back here in reality, there are actual facts that show nutritional supplements have a legendary track record of

safety. Over 180 million people take nutritional supplements every day. Yes, there are a "variety of supplements" with "numerous ingredients." But these supplements and ingredients are overwhelmingly safe!

Early analysis of adverse event



reporting suggested that one out of every 303,000 people taking supplements experiences a significant adverse event. Without proof of causality, the real number of events may be even smaller. So where exactly are the "significant dangers to consumers" that Consumers Union cites?

### Think for Yourself

What about you? Have you ever had an adverse event from a nutritional supplement? How about your friends? Or family? Ask around, and you will see truth and reality: Supplements are safe. In his Dietary Supplement Labeling Act, Durbin appears to be

fabricating a supplement threat that simply does not exist. But the scary part is that if enough people buy into Durbin's fiction, it will be treated as fact—and the safe, natural nutritional supplements that have been enhancing your life for years might be ripped out of your hands forever.

Go to [www.govtrack.us](http://www.govtrack.us) and type in S.1425, and see for yourself exactly what this bill says. In the full text, you will see the possibility of FDA regulatory chains wrapping around your health freedom and starting to tighten. You will see language about the Institute of Medicine evaluating and judging nutritional supplements' safety—even though the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) has already established that medicine and supplements must be treated as separate. You will see section after section of draconian measures that will entangle the nutritional supplement industry and bring it crashing down, stopping all of the life-enhancing natural health innovations on the horizon.

### Put the Bill to Bed

It's time to tell Dick Durbin that enough is enough! Durbin's destructive S.1425 bill now hangs in the balance. Let's join together and tip this bill into oblivion. Contact your local Congressperson today and tell him or her that you do not want Durbin's Dietary Supplement Labeling Act S.1425 to move forward by another inch. Ask them to quash S.1425 today! Visit [www.nha2013.com](http://www.nha2013.com) for more information on how to make your voice heard. ♦

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