

United States Senate

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING
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The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General
United State Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Ms. Lynch,

As you are aware, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has responsibility for holding accountable dietary supplement manufacturers that produce unsafe or fraudulent products. In fact, on November 17, 2015, DOJ announced the pursuit of over 100 cases related to dietary supplements.¹ To assist my understanding of DOJ's role in preventing or stopping the sale of unsafe or fraudulent products, I request that you provide the following information:

1. A list of cases referred to DOJ by the Food and Drug Administration related to dietary supplements since January 1, 2005, including the reason the case was referred, the name of the parties involved, the date of referral, whether DOJ pursued the case, the date DOJ initiated action, the action pursued, the outcome, and the date the case was resolved;
2. A list of cases that have been referred to DOJ by the Federal Trade Commission related to dietary supplements since January 1, 2005, including the reason the case was referred, the name of the parties involved, the date of referral, whether DOJ pursued the case, the date DOJ initiated action, the action pursued, the outcome, and the date the case was resolved; and
3. A list of any other cases DOJ has pursued related to dietary supplements since January 1, 2005, including the name of the parties involved, the date DOJ initiated action, the action pursued, the outcome, and the date the case was resolved.

¹ Department of Justice, *Justice Department and Federal Partners Announce Enforcement Actions of Dietary Supplement Cases* (Nov. 17, 2015).

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than April 12, 2016. In addition, I request that you provide my staff a briefing regarding the efforts DOJ has made to ensure that unsafe or fraudulent dietary supplements do not remain on store shelves.

The jurisdiction of the Special Committee on Aging is set forth in Section 104 of S. Res. 4, agreed to February 4, 1977.

Ensuring the health and safety of America's aging population is one of the most important aspects of my role as Ranking Member of the Special Committee on Aging. As such, I appreciate your assistance with this matter. Please contact Caitlin Warner of the Aging Committee staff at (202)224-0185 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence related to this request to Caitlin_Warner@aging.senate.gov and Matt_Lawrence@aging.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member

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Chairman