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NPA Headlines Panel Discussion at the Dietary Supplement Regulatory Summit

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President and CEO of the Natural Products Association Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., led a panel discussion with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Director of the Office of Dietary Supplement Programs Steven Tave. In a separate panel, Guru Ramanathan, Ph.D. Chief Innovation Officer and Senior Vice President for GNC, discussed the Supplement Safety and Compliance Initiative (SSCI).

“We are always looking for ways to collaborate with regulators on ideas to ensure that the U.S. continues to have the safest supplements in the world, and SSCI is going to be a big part of that moving forward,” said Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO of NPA. “We thank Director Tave and the rest of the industry for joining us today and look forward to continuing this important work.”

The Dietary Supplements Regulatory Summit (DSRS) is an industry-wide event designed specifically for manufacturers, marketers and regulators of dietary supplements in the regulatory and quality disciplines. The one-day regulatory summit featured updates and insights from FDA officials—including the FDA’s Steven Tave and industry experts, with a focus on compliance.

The Supplement Safety and Compliance Initiative (SSCI) is the only comprehensive program to provide end-to-end transparency in the natural products supply chain. SSCI’s benchmarking process gives a roadmap for all certification program owners and certifying bodies to benchmark their standard, make improvements to their standard, and perform audits. The benchmarking process elevates all SSCI-participating certifying bodies and their standards to the same level of quality to ensure companies have confidence in the audits being performed as well as consumer confidence in products sold on store shelves

Key Objectives for SSCI

- Create effective global systems to ensure traceability, transparency & quality in the supply chain
- Reduce risks by ensuring equivalence between safety management systems
- Drive global change through benchmarking of domestic & international standards
- Eliminate redundancy in certification, improve operational efficiency & costs
- Provide a unique stakeholder platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing & networking

Natural Products Association

The **Natural Products Association (NPA)** is *the* trade association representing the entire natural products industry. We advocate for our members who supply, manufacture and sell natural ingredients or products for consumers. The Natural Products Association promotes good manufacturing practices as



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part of the growth and success of the industry. Founded in 1936, NPA represents approximately 1,000 members accounting for more than 10,000 locations of retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements and health/beauty aids. Visit www.npanational.org.