



I am a Senior Functional Medicine Advisor with Metagenics (Amway/Alticor Corporate Enterprise), the largest nutraceutical company in the world with an international presence. Metagenics conducts clinical trials at our research center, which employs over 40 clinicians and scientific personnel. They have published over 80 scientific articles and have over 230 patents approved or pending. Our nutraceuticals products are sold only through licensed or otherwise professionally trained nutrition practitioners, physicians, pharmacists, health coaches and others who have the expertise to make appropriate recommendations for supplements as part of a total dietary approach.

My clients are nutrition practitioners throughout the state, including Registered Dietitians. It is inconceivable that this licensure law will protect anyone, and very conceivable that it will ruin businesses conducted by qualified practitioners, and will limit access to nutrition counseling for the public.

I have a nursing degree and years of extensive continuing education in Functional Medicine and Nutrition. I have been in private practice as a health consultant and hope to do that again in the future—the existing law would make that illegal for me even though I currently train registered dietitians in the therapeutic use of supplement products

I am grateful that this hearing is finally taking place, and I request that all Senate Regulatory Reform Committee members vote YES for the repeal of HB 4688.

Thank you.

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