



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHAIN DRUG STORES

September 2, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor
State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1341 (C. Garcia) Dietary supplements for weight loss and over-the-counter diet pills - NEUTRAL

Dear Governor Newsom,

The California Retailers Association (CRA) and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) write to inform you that we are neutral on AB 1341 (C. Garcia) and no longer oppose this bill.

We appreciate our many conversations with the author and hours of work that she committed to finding a solution that addressed our primary concerns with the bill. As currently drafted, AB 1341 does not require retailers to limit customer access to dietary supplements, so we have no further concerns and are pleased to inform you that we are no longer opposed to AB 1341. We look forward to working with the author and your Administration in the future on policies that protect public health, particularly vulnerable Californians.

The California Retailers Association is the only statewide trade association representing all segments of the retail industry including general merchandise, department stores, mass merchandisers, restaurants, convenience stores, supermarkets and grocery stores, chain drug, and specialty retail such as auto, vision, jewelry, hardware, and home stores. CRA works on behalf of California's retail industry, which operates over 400,000 retail establishments with a gross domestic product of billions annually and employs millions of Californians.

NACDS represents traditional drug stores, supermarkets, and mass merchants with pharmacies. Chains operate over 40,000 pharmacies, and NACDS' over 80 chain member companies include regional chains, with a minimum of four stores, and national companies. Chains employ nearly 3 million individuals, including 155,000 pharmacists. They fill over 3 billion prescriptions yearly, and help patients use medicines correctly and safely, while offering innovative services that improve patient health and healthcare affordability. NACDS members also include more than 900 supplier partners and over 70 international members representing 21 countries. Please visit NACDS.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay Gullahorn (lgullahorn@capitoladvocacy.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Cristina Garcia, Author