

Greetings,

We would like to welcome you and thank you for expressing an interest in reviewing our archives articles from our quarterly newsletter The Patients' Voice formally One Voice. These articles have been carefully researched and documented over the last seven years. The format was set up in this manner so you could do further research if you so choose. As you read through the pages please look for consistent patterns that are interwoven between the different articles. Look for trends – subtle little changes in which access to alternative care providers and natural medicine is gradually being narrowed. Some of these changes occurred so gradually what we now deem as normal we wouldn't have accepted in the not so distant past.

Leanne Wylet and Helen Lawler have been following and documenting these changes over the last seven years. Here are some suggested questions you may want to ask yourself:

1. How responsive are legislators now in comparison to previous years/decades?
2. Are the citizens voices heard when they express support for or against proposed legislation?
3. Do decisions by the FDA, NNFA, Institute of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, etc. more often benefit consumers or pharmaceutical companies?
4. Are board members and employees of these agencies also board members or present or past employees of pharmaceutical or chemical companies?
5. How will such treaties as GATT and NAFTA effect our access?
6. What direction are they leading us?
7. What influence will the European Union, Codex and other international bodies have on our national sovereignty and our continued access to natural medicine?

Please feel free to list other questions that come to mind as you read through these articles. We welcome your comments and questions.

Yours in good health,

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P.S. Please check back periodically for the latest "The Patients' Voice, quarterly issue of articles. Plus, archived articles will continue to be downloaded until the fall of 1997 is here also for your review.

You comments and questions are welcomed.

Thank you for visiting PfAM's archived articles.