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Minister of Finance, Tax Strategy Group, Or to whom is responsible for adding VAT to food supplements I am waiting to you to seriously consider the consequences of your actions should you go ahead I am also writing to you as a

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[redacted] We are extremely worried at the prospect of you adding VAT to those products our suppliers have already put their prices up on our new order books this month, 90% of our products come from the UK, if and when Brexit happens they will put a tariff on those products without the tariff the VAT will be too expensive for our customers to be able to afford them We help people to lead a healthy life and hence help to ease the burden on the H S E , people should not have to be left in corridors on trolleys with no respect for their privacy , neither should they have to wait years not months for appointments to see consultants, but you know all about that Stop all this Jargon about what is and isn't a food supplement the fact is they all come from Gods Earth Years ago no one heard of folic acid during pregnancy until it was discovered that it had the potential to avoid down syndrome in unborn babies, but you're not subjecting that to Vat Women need to take vitamins during pregnancy Elderly people need to take their Fish oils and vitamins for their joints Stress plays a huge part in peoples lives and leads to all sorts of ailments, colds and flu are rampant during the winter months and lead to overcrowding in our hospitals Why would you want to tax people for trying to keep themselves healthy and cause them more stress because they can't afford to pay for their monthly Vitamins You may collect a nice amount of taxes from the many Health food Stores and Pharmacies around the country for the first year but i can guarantee you the following years will be the government paying out social welfare and unemployment benefits to those of us who will have to close our Stores and put our staff on the dole The towns of Ireland will have more buildings boarded up because of online shopping and the actions of people like you It shows how little you know about our Businesses when you put us in the same tax bracket as A beef burger Get your act together and take the tax from the people who can pay and don't Not from those who are taking good health seriously and last but not least I have paid my share of income tax and Vat tax PRSI universal tax sugar tax and soon to be carbon tax My rates have just trebled my electricity has gone up ,and insurance I will survive all that just about ADD VAT ON OUR PRODUCTS AND I WONT SURVIVE

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