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Dear Orchid Essentials,

With the recent revelation from the U.S. Food and Drug Association (FDA) regarding the correlation between vitamin E acetate [CAS: 7695-91-2] and “vape illness” we wanted to reassure everyone that The Werc Shop (TWS) has never used vitamin E acetate in any of our products. Period.

In contrast to vitamin E, vitamin E acetate is *not* naturally found in cannabis. Despite the similar sounding names, vitamin E acetate is very different than vitamin E in terms of molecular structure and how the human body responds to it. Unfortunately, when actors possessing limited chemical and toxicological understanding begin making prognostications about what is safe to inhale, bad things can happen. That is one reason we continue to caution others to *know your source*: TWS wields scientific and regulatory expertise that many others can only pretend to. A key to our approach for ingredient safety, using only ingredients found in and on cannabis, is a hallmark of the TWS Native® concept.

You can reassure all of your retailers that carry your products that there is no reason for concern with your formulations. It is also important to note that the same formulas, with explicit molecular control, have been used for almost 5 years now with no reports of adverse events, and nothing in them has changed recently. That should help instill confidence in their use going forward as well.

TWS continues to work with the cannabis community and public health officials to better understand vape illness and all of the potential factors involved. TWS has been supplying formulations for inhalation for more than 5 years with no reports of adverse events. Our in-depth molecular understanding about these products and our operating history has uniquely positioned us to help public officials and the scientific community to forge sensible and evidence-based regulations for cannabis vapor products.

Sincerely,

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