

United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

December 9, 2021

CEASE AND DESIST DEMAND

VIA EMAIL TO robert@amplifei.com

AmpLIFEi c/o Robert Oblon, Founder and CEO 704 S. State Rd. 135 Suite D #399 Greenwood, IN 46143

Re: Unsubstantiated Claims for Coronavirus Prevention and Treatment

Dear Mr. Oblon:

This is to advise you that FTC staff has reviewed social media posts made by AmpLIFEi's business opportunity participants or representatives in December 2021. We have determined that AmpLIFEi is unlawfully advertising that AmpLIFEi's products treat or prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19").

Some examples of COVID-19 treatment claims made by you and your company's business opportunity participants or representatives include:

- "I just finished my battle with Rona, and I won. A healthy microbiome and strong immune system is how you beat it. #triadforthewin" [Posted to Facebook by Robert Oblon, CEO of AmpLIFEi, on September 19, 2021.]
- "Vitamin A, D, & K to help fend off COVID ?? Luckily I get plenty of these daily in my new AmpLIFEi supplements!! Are you ready?" [Posted to Facebook on August 7, 2021.]

• "IF YOU, OR A LOVED ONE, IS EXPERIENCING ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM THE COVID-19 SHOT, OR MANMADE VIRUS. . . THIS IS FOR YOU!" [Posted to Facebook on June 4, 2021.]

It is unlawful under the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 41 *et seq.*, to advertise that a product can prevent, treat, or cure human disease unless you possess competent and reliable scientific evidence substantiating that the claims are true at the time they are made. For COVID-19, no such study is currently known to exist for the products identified above. Thus, any COVID-19-related prevention or treatment claims regarding such products are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence. You must immediately cease and desist making all such claims.

You are also advised to review all other claims for your products and immediately cease and desist claims that are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence.

You are responsible for the claims of your business opportunity participants and representatives. As the FTC stated in the January 2019 Business Guidance Concerning Multi-Level Marketing, the compensation structure of a Multi-Level Marketing entity ("MLM") may create incentives for its participants to make certain representations to current or prospective participants. "As a consequence, an MLM should (i) direct its participants not to make false, misleading, or unsubstantiated representations and (ii) monitor its participants so they don't make false, misleading, or unsubstantiated representations."

Violations of the FTC Act may result in legal action seeking a Federal District Court injunction. In addition, pursuant to the COVID-19 Consumer Protection Act, Section 1401, Division FF, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, marketers who make deceptive claims about the treatment, cure, prevention, or mitigation of COVID-19 are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$43,792 per violation and may be required to pay refunds to consumers or provide other relief pursuant to Section 19(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 57b(b).

Within 48 hours, please send a message to Kati Daffan (Assistant Director) via electronic mail at <u>kdaffan@ftc.gov</u> certifying that you and your participants and representatives have ceased making unsubstantiated claims for the products identified above. If you have any questions regarding compliance with the FTC Act, please contact Suzanne Barth at 202-326-3317 or Melissa Dickey at 202-326-2662.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Lois C. Greisman

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