



MONSTER
ENERGY COMPANY

550 MONICA CIRCLE, SUITE 201
CORONA, CA 92880
PHONE: 951/739-6200
FAX: 951/739-6210

TO: General Assembly, Committee on General Law, State of Connecticut
FROM: Dr. Thomas P. Davis, Chief Scientific Officer and Professor of Medical Pharmacology

March 8, 2012- REVISED and CORRECTED STATEMENT

RE: Raised Bill No. 5360- Section "2"; "energy drinks containing excessively high levels of caffeine, caffeine derivatives, guarana or taurine"

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to discuss the careful and responsible formulation and manufacturing of Monster Energy drinks. I wish to cover only the following points in the limited time available to me:

1. I am and have been a Professor of Medical Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience for the past 31 years. I am also the last involved family member of the founding family of the original beverage company, Hansens Natural, which subsequently became known as Monster Beverage Corporation. I remain a formulation chemist for Monster Energy Company today.
2. Monster Energy was formulated as one of over 100 different beverages. I consider it an ethical and moral responsibility to formulate beverages with levels of vitamins, nutraceuticals, amino acids, and chemical components that are not toxic and are safe for responsible consumption.
3. I have studied your bill and can testify that Monster Energy does not contain "excessively high levels of caffeine, caffeine derivatives, guarana or taurine." I have studied and continue to study available data on the dose response and efficacy of guarana, caffeine, caffeine derivatives, and taurine, alone and in synergism. Monster Energy does not contain a level of any chemical that even approaches known toxic effect. Careful formulation with every chemical component is paramount.

I am also available at any time to discuss this issue or any related issue at your convenience.

Sincerely,
MONSTER ENERGY COMPANY

Thomas P. Davis, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer