Chairman Burton has held a number of hearings on complementary and alternative medicines. He has used these hearings as an opportunity to criticize the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health for what he says is a lack of commitment to making complementary and alternative medicines widely available. Rep. Waxman's hearing statements explain that while these treatments should be available, all medicine, including complementary and alternative medicine, needs to be safe and effective. According to Rep. Waxman, the standards for judging safety and efficacy need to be the same, whatever the treatment. **Documents and Links**

- Rep. Waxman's Oct. 19, 1999, Statement
- Rep. Waxman's June 10, 1999, Statement
- Rep. Waxman's Sept. 23, 1999, Statement