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Senator Tom Harkin
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.20510

And

Senator Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.20510

Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Alexander:

On behalf of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), I am expressing our support for the Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act prepared and introduced by the Senate HELP Committee.

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy[®] (NABP[®]), founded in 1904, represents all of the pharmacy regulatory and licensing jurisdictions in the US, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, three provinces of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. NABP's purpose is to serve as the independent, international, and impartial association that assists its member boards and jurisdictions in developing, implementing, and enforcing uniform standards for the purpose of protecting the public health.

Our support affirms the proposed legislation's recognition of the authority and autonomy of state regulatory agencies, distinction between compounding and manufacturing, support for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and provisions defining a new category of manufacturing to address and regulate a critical patient need. The support of the state boards of pharmacy and NABP also notes our concern with the oversight of the intrastate distribution of non-patient specific, sterile, compounded products.

We thank the Committee for your leadership on this issue and offer our assistance as the legislation moves forward for consideration and hopefully, eventual passage.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'Ca' followed by a horizontal dash, written in a cursive style.

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