



November 27, 2013

The Honorable J. Randy Forbes  
House of Representatives  
2135 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Forbes:

On behalf of Medline Industries and the Pharmaceutical Distribution Security Alliance (PDSA), a coalition of more than 25 stakeholders spanning the pharmaceutical supply chain, I am writing to thank you for your commitment to better protect the health and well-being of American healthcare consumers. As a result of your support, H.R. 3204—legislation to implement a single, uniform, and national solution to safeguard the nation's pharmaceutical distribution system—was signed into law today.

This law will ensure that American healthcare consumers are better protected from the grave threat of counterfeit, fake and adulterated pharmaceutical products. In addition, it will establish uniform national standards for supply chain participants, strengthen the ability of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prevent bad actors from entering the system, and incorporate advanced technologies to trace a product's source and history from manufacturer to patient.

Not only will this law provide immediate patient safety benefits, it will also reduce regulatory burden. Specifically, for Medline, this legislation is critical to eliminating the patchwork of conflicting state pedigree and licensure regulations that have made operating a nationwide wholesale distribution system onerous.

As you know, while a single, uniform and national solution has been long-desired, it has been an elusive challenge for years. However, thanks to the support of you and your colleagues, this much-needed reform is now poised for enactment. As a result, this law will benefit American consumers for decades to come and will be a formidable safeguard to the United States' pharmaceutical distribution supply chain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Calia".

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