



John M. Gray, President & Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
United States House of Representatives
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Whitfield:

On behalf of the Healthcare Distribution Management Association (HDMA) and our 33 primary pharmaceutical distributor members, I would like to express HDMA's support for H.R. 1725, the National All-Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act of 2015. We appreciate your leadership and commitment to help curb prescription drug abuse through the use of prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs).

This legislation reauthorizes much-needed funding for PDMPs that address the serious and growing public health problem of prescription drug abuse in the United States. By providing support and funding to prescription drug monitoring programs, this legislation can be used to identify patients at risk for addiction, prevent "doctor shopping" and assist with investigations into drug diversion and errant prescribing or dispensing practices.

As you know, HDMA is the national association representing primary healthcare distributors, the vital link in the healthcare system. Each business day, HDMA member companies ensure that more than 15 million prescription medicines and healthcare products are delivered safely and efficiently to 200,000 pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and others nationwide.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John M. Gray', is written over a faint, larger version of the HDMA logo.

John M. Gray
President and CEO

