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Dear Dr. Anderson:

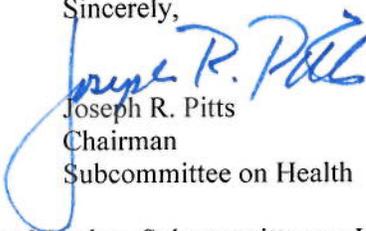
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on October 20, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining Legislative Proposals to Combat Our Nation's Drug Abuse Crisis."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on December 8, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Graham Pittman, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to graham.pittman@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,


Joseph R. Pitts
Chairman
Subcommittee on Health

cc: The Honorable Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment — Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.

The Controlled Substances Act currently prohibits the transportation of controlled substances outside of registered locations, making it illegal for physicians to transport controlled substances from one practice setting to another. At the hearing, you testified about the problems this creates for team physicians who need to transport controlled substances from one state to another for an athletic game or tournament. However, at the same time, we heard that the substance abuse epidemic this country is facing is fueled in part by diversion of prescribed opioid medicines.

1. Please discuss the anti-diversion safeguards in place in H.R. 3014, and why you believe they will be effective in preventing further diversion of controlled substances.