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The Honorable Eliot Engel
U.S. House of Representatives
2426 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representatives Engel and Guthrie,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) to thank you for introducing the "Safeguarding Therapeutics Act" (H.R. 5663), which will help to support quality, prevent counterfeit drugs and devices from entering the healthcare supply chain, and preserve patient care.

HSCA represents the nation's leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), the sourcing and purchasing partners to virtually all of America's 7,000+ hospitals, as well as the vast majority of 68,000+ long-term care facilities, surgery centers, clinics, and healthcare providers. We work with our healthcare provider partners to negotiate competitive prices and enable a safe and reliable supply of high-quality healthcare products. Collectively, GPOs save the entire healthcare system up to [\\$34.1 billion](#) annually and reduce supply-related purchasing costs of healthcare providers by 13.1 percent. The value that GPOs deliver allows healthcare providers and physicians to focus on their core mission: providing first-class patient care.

HSCA and its member companies are committed to protecting patients, including from counterfeit drugs or devices that could cause serious harm. The Safeguarding Therapeutics Act will strengthen the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) authority to destroy counterfeit drugs and medical devices at American ports of entry, preventing such products from entering the supply chain and helping to ensure a safe and reliable supply of products. This legislation will help to protect patients from counterfeit drugs and devices and is an important step forward as we work to drive quality, safety, and efficacy throughout the healthcare system.

We thank you for your continued commitment to quality and patient safety, and we look forward to continuing to work with your offices and other Members of Congress to pursue solutions that ensure continued patient access to safe and affordable healthcare. If HSCA can be a resource for your staff and you on quality and patient safety, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 629-5833.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO
Healthcare Supply Chain Association

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