

September 28, 2013

Senator Tom Harkin
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health Education
Labor and Pensions
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Health Education
Labor and Pensions
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Harkin, Ranking Member Alexander, Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

On behalf of Premier healthcare alliance, I am writing to express our appreciation for working to address the safety concerns of patients and providers regarding pharmaceuticals from compounding manufacturers in addition to establishing a uniform, national system for securing the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain.

Premier is one of the nation's largest performance improvement alliances of approximately 2,900 U.S. community hospitals and 100,000 alternate sites using the power of collaboration and technology to help lead the transformation to coordinated, high-quality, cost-effective care. While we support enactment of the legislation, we believe strong oversight will still be needed by Congress to ensure that high-risk compound manufacturers are inspected by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In addition, Congress should ensure that drugs in shortage are allowed to be safely compounded to assist with our patient care needs.

Thank you again for your leadership on these issues. We look forward to working with you to enhance the safety of our nation's pharmaceuticals.

Sincerely,



Blair Childs
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