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

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

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

On behalf of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), I am writing to express our support for the bipartisan, bicameral Drug Quality and Security Act. We believe this bill helps clarify federal oversight of compounding outsourcing facilities, and seeks to create better communication channels between the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state boards of pharmacy. In the interest of patient safety we urge Congress to pass this legislation.

ASHP is the national professional organization whose 42,000 members include pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy students who provide patient care services in hospitals, health systems, and ambulatory clinics. For 70 years, the Society has been on the forefront of efforts to improve medication use and enhance patient safety.

ASHP believes this legislation will help the FDA focus their regulatory efforts on entities that are compounding outside the scope of traditional pharmacy compounding, while leaving traditional pharmacy compounding under the oversight of state boards of pharmacy. ASHP is committed to working within this new regulatory framework to ensure that patients are getting the safest and most effective medications.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, we look forward to working with you to ensure passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kasey K. Thompson', is written over a horizontal line.

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