



September 27, 2013

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
House Committee on  
Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
835 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Henry Waxman  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on  
Energy and Commerce  
2322A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

On behalf of the Generic Pharmaceutical Association (GPhA) and its member companies, I am writing to express our support for the Drug Quality and Security Act. As the manufacturers of 84 percent of the prescriptions dispensed in the United States, the generic industry understands the importance of ensuring that our prescription drug supply chain is safe and secure.

As you know, the current patchwork of State prescription drug supply chain laws has left our nation's pharmaceutical supply vulnerable to the entry of counterfeit and adulterated prescription drugs, which threaten the health of patients and the integrity of our industry. That is why GPhA has worked with Congress to enact a single, uniform, and national pharmaceutical distribution supply chain law. The Drug Quality and Security Act establishes a uniform national standard for electronic prescription medicine tracking that will further safeguard our nation's prescription drug supply. Americans deserve the predictability and reliability that this uniform federal standard will make possible.

As you know, we supported the House-passed electronic labeling provision that was not included in the final legislation. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the FDA's proposed rule on e-labeling is finalized in a timely manner.

This legislation is the culmination of many years of hard work, and we are grateful for the hard work of you and your staff. We urge prompt passage of this bipartisan legislation by the House and Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph G. Neas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ralph G. Neas  
President and CEO