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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
S-321 Capitol Building
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
H-204 Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader Reid, Leader Pelosi and Leader McConnell:

Pfizer strongly supports swift passage of the Drug Quality and Security Act of 2013. We applaud the bi-partisan and tireless efforts of Chairman Fred Upton, Chairman Tom Harkin, Ranking Member Lamar Alexander, and bill sponsors Sen. Michael Bennet, Sen. Richard Burr, Rep. Bob Latta and, Rep. Jim Matheson, to reach an agreement on this important bill, and urge both chambers to take up and pass this bill as soon as possible.

Patient safety is a top priority for Pfizer. This bill will increase the security of the United States' already strong drug supply chain by creating a national traceability system and replacing the patchwork of state laws now in place. Specifically, this bill provides greater safeguards for patients by requiring the placement of unique serial numbers on each drug package, and tracking them as they move through the distribution system, lessening the threat of illicit and counterfeit medicines entering the drug supply chain. For these reasons, the time is now to pass this bill.

As always, we stand ready to support your efforts to move this legislation and greatly appreciate your efforts to date.

Sincerely,