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Chairman Tom Harkin  
Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
Committee  
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Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Lamar Alexander  
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Committee  
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Chairman Fred Upton  
House Energy and Commerce Committee  
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Washington, DC 20515

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

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

On behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), which represents the nation's leading biopharmaceutical research companies, I am writing to express support for H.R. 3204, the Drug Quality and Security Act, which would institute a federal prescription drug track and trace system. We appreciate the collective leadership of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee as well as the House Energy and Commerce Committee in persisting with this effort to ensure a strong bill that protects patient safety and maintains supply chain integrity. This vital legislation will protect patients from counterfeit drugs by establishing a uniform, national system for securing the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain.

Passage of this important bipartisan legislation, championed so effectively by broad, bipartisan groups of Members on both Committees, is a significant step in fighting against prescription drug counterfeiters, who have long placed our nation's patients at risk. Support for this legislation includes a broad, multi-stakeholder coalition that spans the entire spectrum of the U.S. pharmaceutical distribution system, including manufacturers, wholesale distributors, third-party logistics providers, and pharmacists.

Both the safety of patients and the security of the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain depend on quick Congressional action enacting effective federal legislation. We urgently request that you pass this bipartisan drug supply chain security legislation without delay so that it can be sent to the President for his signature.

Sincerely,

