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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman – Energy and Commerce Committee
United States House of Representatives
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member – Energy and Commerce Committee
United States House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman – HELP Committee
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member – HELP Committee
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

RE: Compounding Quality Act

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

I am a pharmacist and principal shareholder of Richie's Specialty Pharmacy ("RSP") located in Conroe, Texas. RSP opened in December of 1999 and has served over 12,000 physicians and approximately 100,000 patients all across our state. Additional information regarding RSP can be provided separately upon request if that information would be pertinent to any that are unaware of RSP and our provision of quality, evidence-based traditional pharmacy compounding services.

I have reviewed the Compounding Quality Act. I find it to be reasonable and I support it. Its' intent to maintain / reinforce the appropriateness of quality, evidence-based traditional pharmacy compounding services by preserving Section 503(A) of current law as it relates to State regulation of traditional pharmacy compounding as well as encourage / require increased communication between FDA and State boards of pharmacy are both incredibly important.

The primary concern for RSP, and assumedly others that provide traditional pharmacy compounding services, is whether limitations applied to outsourcing facilities, such as those associated with bulk chemicals, could conceivably also be applied to traditional pharmacy compounding services. Although I do not believe that is Congress's intent, it remains a concern.

Please feel free to contact me via email at Richie@richiespharmacy.com or my direct line (936) 588-5601 if I can be of any additional assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richie Ray", with a horizontal line underneath.

Richie Ray, R.Ph
President / CEO