



April 25, 2017

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
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Re: S.297, the “Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act”

On behalf of the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA), thank you for your ongoing support for reducing healthcare costs and working to safeguard patient and provider access to generic drugs. HSCA is pleased to support your legislation, the “Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act” (S.297). As Congress works to address generic drug price spikes, we applaud your efforts and your continued commitment to find legislative solutions.

HSCA represents leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), the sourcing and purchasing partners to virtually all of America’s 7,700+ hospitals, as well as the vast majority of the 68,000+ long-term care facilities, surgery centers, clinics, and other healthcare providers. GPOs deliver critical cost savings that allow healthcare providers to focus on their core mission: providing first-class patient care.

HSCA commends the goal of S.297 to create a more competitive generic drug marketplace. We believe mandating priority review of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) in single-source situations is critical to achieving that goal. As S.297 advances through the committee process, we believe the legislation could be further enhanced to give priority review to generic injectables with two or fewer manufacturers in the market. Furthermore, this prioritization should apply retroactively to ANDAs already accepted for review as well as prospectively to new ANDAs.

Generic injectables are the workhorses of acute care facilities and bring tremendous value to healthcare providers and the patients they serve. Price spikes for these drugs are causing significant challenges for patients and providers undergoing inpatient care. As the Senate works with stakeholders on this important legislation, we look forward to continuing to collaborate on this matter and sharing additional solutions. Given our unique line of sight into all aspects of the healthcare supply chain, we would be pleased to serve as a resource to you and your staff.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions. I can be reached at (202) 629-5833 or tebert@supplychainassociation.org.

Sincerely,

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