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[Dr./Mr./Ms. LAST NAME] Goes to Washington!

Local Pharmacist Lobbies to Preserve Patients’ Access to Compounded Medications

[CITY], [State] – [NAME], of [PHARMACY NAME] in [CITY] joined a nationwide effort to preserve patient access to compounded medications as part of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) 2018 Compounders on Capitol Hill (CCH) 24th annual conference and legislative event, held June 23-26, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

[NAME] and more than 250 community pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students traveled to Washington on behalf of their patients and physicians to discuss bipartisan legislation introduced by U.S. Congressmen Morgan Griffith (VA) and Henry Cuellar (TX), HR 2871 – The Preserving Patient Access to Compounded Medications Act of 2017, formally introduced on June 12, 2017. CCH attendees discussed the bill’s content, and urged their representatives to cosponsor HR 2871.

“This trip provided the opportunity to speak directly to members of Congress and voice concerns on behalf of our practitioners and their patients, whose access to pharmacy compounds directly impacts their health care,” said [NAME]. “Some of our profession’s most active pharmacists gathered in our nation’s capital to take the voice of compounding to the Hill.”

[PHARMACY NAME] serves more than [NUMBER] patients in the [CITY] area. Approximately [PERCENT] of its patients take compounded medications prepared specifically for them at the direction of their physician.

“Compounding pharmacists went to Washington to speak with their Senator and Congressional representatives about several issues that directly affect their patients,” says IACP President Erik Tosh, DPh, FIACP, FACA. “On behalf of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists and the patients we serve, thank you, Congressmen Griffith and Cuellar, for your leadership in introducing the bipartisan legislation, HR 2871 - The Preserving Patient Access to Compounded Medications Act.”

This important bill will help protect access to medications physicians rely upon for their patients. It will help clarify the Drug Quality & Security Act (DQSA) in a way that will better align
the statute with congressional intent and better balance public safety and patient access. As such, it’s vital that Congress support HR 2871 to preserve patient access to compounded medications by directing FDA to act within Congressional intent.

About [Pharmacy Name]

[INSERT Paragraph About Your Pharmacy]

About IACP

The International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) is an association representing more than 4,000 pharmacists, technicians, students, and members of the compounding community who focus upon the specialty practice of pharmacy compounding. Compounding pharmacists work directly with prescribers including physicians, nurse practitioners and veterinarians to create customized medication solutions for patients and animals whose healthcare needs cannot be met by manufactured medications. IACP's mission of protecting, promoting and advancing personalized medication solutions is critical for patient healthcare. Visit www.iacprx.org to learn more and to find a compounding pharmacist near you.

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