

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

To: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Chair Rep. Cedric Hayden, Vice-Chair Rep. Rob Nosse, Vice-Chair Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon Rep. Denyc Boles Rep. Christine Drazan Rep. Mitch Greenlick Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer Rep. Tiffany Mitchell Rep. Ron Noble Rep. Rachel Prusa

I urge you to support HB 3273 which directs manufacturers of prescription drugs to develop and implement drug take-back programs. In my experience, only local police departments consistently offer opportunities for the population to turn in unused medications.

I believe that a medication take-back programs represent golden opportunities for the pharmaceutical industry to take the lead in a collaborative effort of many stakeholders (the industry, law enforcement, physicians, and patients) to rid households of excessive non-needed medications. This is a classic risk-management issue.

THE MORE MEDICINE BOTTLES on HAND...THE MORE LIKELY...

- Mistakes will be made by patients in taking their daily regimen.
- An expired medication, thus less effective regimen, will be consumed.
- Large quantities of medications get into the hands of individuals not prescribed these medications. This is especially true for controlled substances.

Thank you for your consideration.

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