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Senate Committee on Health Care

Re: SB 970 (2023)

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Board of Pharmacy appreciates your consideration of SB 970. This bill will facilitate uniformity between Oregon and Federal law with respect to licensure of wholesale drug distributors and third-party logistics providers. National standards will help reduce opportunities for dangerous and criminal conduct affecting the supply of prescription drugs in Oregon and the United States. Theft and diversion of prescription drugs continue to be a major threat to public health. Unlicensed wholesale distributors and third-party logistics providers are often involved in distributing stolen or counterfeit drugs into the US pharmaceutical supply chain.

The Drug Quality and Security Act (DQSA) was enacted by the US Congress on November 27, 2013. Title II of DQSA, the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA), outlines steps to achieve interoperable, electronic tracing of products at the package level through each step in the supply chain from the manufacturer to the pharmacy. This "track and trace" system will assist the board, FDA, drug manufacturers, wholesalers, brokers, and individual pharmacy's ability to detect to drugs that may be counterfeit, stolen, contaminated, or otherwise harmful to the public.

One of the final provisions in the DSCSA is the creation of a uniform national standard for licensure of wholesale distributors and third-party logistics providers. With the statutory changes in SB 970, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy will have the authority to amend current administrative rules for registration of these entities as required to be consistent with Federal law.

Thank you and please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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The Oregon Board of Pharmacy serves to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring high standards in the practice of pharmacy and through effective regulation of the manufacture and distribution of drugs.