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Re: Prescription Drug Importation/Reimportation

Dear Dr. Anderson:

The American Medical Association (AMA) appreciates your letter of January 9, 2019, urging that the AMA work with Congress and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish effective oversight of prescription drugs imported from Canada in order to ensure such products are safe and efficacious. The AMA has long-standing policy concerning importation of prescription drugs and personal importation and the need for oversight to ensure safety and efficacy of such products. We continue to engage with Congress and the FDA to address this issue as well as the conditions that are driving patients to seek prescription medication from Canada. The AMA is strongly advocating for greater transparency and competition in the U.S. market to provide patients with affordable options to medically necessary medications that are safe and efficacious.

We appreciate you reaching out to the AMA and look forward to continuing to work closely with Illinois State Medical Society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Madara". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "M".

James L. Madara, MD