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The Honorable John T. McDonald, III
New York State Assembly
LOB 417
Albany, NY 12248

Re: American Medical Association strong support for Assembly Bill 4274, an “Act to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to electronic prescriptions”

Dear Assemblyman McDonald:

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the American Medical Association (AMA), I am writing in strong support of Assembly Bill (A.B.) 4274, an “Act to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to electronic prescriptions.” The AMA joins the Medical Society of the State of New York and numerous other health care and patient organizations to raise attention to the concerns surrounding the e-prescribing mandate that is scheduled to go into effect on March 27, 2015.

Specifically, we strongly support A.B. 4274’s provision to delay the mandate for one year until all of the operational, technical and patient care concerns are fully resolved. We understand that the intent behind the mandate is to help provide a more secure, safer environment to prescribe, dispense and track controlled substances. The mandate, however, does not take into account the real disruption that will occur to patient care, if the mandate is allowed to go forward. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Daniel Blaney-Koen, JD, Senior Legislative Attorney, Advocacy Resource Center, at daniel.blaney-koen@ama-assn.org or (312) 464-4954.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James L. Madara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James L. Madara, MD

cc: Medical Society of the State of New York