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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 517 – Drug Manufacturers – Drug Take-Back Programs (Take it Back Maryland Act)

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (Board) respectfully submits this letter of information for House Bill (HB) 517 – Drug Manufacturers – Drug Take-Back Programs (Take it Back Maryland Act).

HB 517 would require each manufacturer of a covered drug that is sold or distributed in Maryland to operate a drug take-back program approved by the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment. § 21-228(b). Alternatively, a manufacturer could permit the above-listed departments to operate the program on its behalf. § 21-228(b).

The Board of Pharmacy (Board) does not maintain a list of each manufacturer that operates in Maryland; however, the Board issues a permit to each manufacturer that performs a wholesale drug distribution function in Maryland.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Deena Speights-Napata, MA, Executive Director at deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov or (410) 764-4753.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director