

## Support SB 334 Drug Reimportation Letter

The Honorable (Senator First/Last Name)

Dear Senator Last Name;

I am writing in regard to SB 334, legislation to allow Americans to re-import FDA approved prescription drugs through pharmacists and prescription drug wholesalers from Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, and certain European Union nations.

Fourteen states have laws to allow re-importation The House has passed legislation similar to this bill. In 2000, the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers Association (PhRMA) successfully lobbied Congress to loosen FDA restrictions on the exportation of drugs to twenty-six foreign countries. The FDA and PhRMA lobbyists continue lobby Congress against re-importation. My taxpayer dollars are already being spent on research to help drug companies bring drugs to the market, and to pay FDA bureaucrats to inspect overseas facilities.

A regulated system of importing drugs between countries has been used in Europe for more than 20 years. This is clearly a matter of profits. It is not a matter of safety. It is derogatory to claim that Americans would not be able to handle reimportation when the rest of the educated world is doing this.

Americans did not create this situation, but we expect our Congressional representatives to do the right thing and reform an out of date system that prevents access to affordable drugs. I appreciate your consideration of my views and look forward to knowing your position on this bill.

Sincerely,