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Dear Mr. Melofchik:

Orthopedic Partners, located in Connecticut, was founded in 1957. We have 15 physicians with over 100 supporting medical staff members and treat approximately 100,000 patients per year.

Orthopedic Partners regularly treats both acute and chronic patients requiring medication as an integral part of their recovery plan of care. Medication dispensing is a practical way to insure patient compliance to achieve best practice outcomes.

We believe the proposed NCOIL model bill is misdirected and contrary to quality patient care.

Finally, we recognize that no physicians or patients were consulted in creating this "model bill". The only witnesses before the Subcommittee, which drafted the "model bill", were (1) a representative of the Workers' Compensation Research Institute, which was completely discredited by the Maryland Workers compensation Commission and (2) a spokesman for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) which stand to benefit economically if physicians are no longer allowed to dispense medicines.

The physician is responsible for medical decision making and held accountable for patient outcomes. Therefore, the physician should retain the ability to directly coordinate patient compliance with medication plans.

This bill is biased and impedes physician's clinical autonomy in the treatment of patients. We urge you to reject the so-called model bill.

Sincerely,

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