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Mr. William Melofchik
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Dear Mr. Melofchik:

Litchfield Orthopedic Associates has been treating patients since the 1950's. Located in Torrington, Connecticut, we service patients at two different locations and provide outpatient services at our surgery center.

Litchfield Orthopedic Associates writes this letter to express strong opposition to NCOIL proposed model bill on physician dispensing. We pride ourselves on providing the best and comprehensive care for our patients, which includes dispensing medications directly from our offices and surgery center for convenience and compliance. We believe this bill is contrary to quality patient care.

The American Medical Association (AMA) supports the physician's right to dispense medications and devices when it is in the best interest of the patient and consistent with AMA's ethical guidelines.

We believe, physicians and patients should be part of the discussion and insurance carriers and PBM's should not be driving the narrative. We respectfully request an unfavorable vote on this model bill.

Sincerely,

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