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Mr. William Melofchik
Legislative Director
National Council of Insurance Legislators
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Dear Mr. Melofchik:

Middlesex Orthopedic Surgeons has served as an innovator and leader in orthopedic care for over 25 years in the state of Connecticut.

It is our mission to ensure that our patients achieve the best possible outcome and a critical component of that has been providing medications at the point of care for our patients.

The physicians at Middlesex Orthopedic Surgeons strongly oppose the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) "model bill" on physician dispensing.

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.

This bill impedes physician's clinical autonomy in the treatment of patients.

We urge NCOIL to reject this "model bill".

Sincerely,

Brian Shanley
Chief Executive Officer