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February 22, 2016

The Honorable Hilda Solis, Chair and
Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Los Angeles County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Solis and Board Members:

The City of Culver City supports Los Angeles County's efforts to adopt a product stewardship ordinance that would provide for the proper collection and disposal of unwanted/unused pharmaceuticals and sharps waste generated by residents. Adoption of this Ordinance is important, because it would establish a sustainably financed program that will provide residents with a convenient means to safely dispose of unwanted sharps and pharmaceuticals. It would also help prevent these products from entering the environment, reduce their availability for drug abuse and misuse, and reduce injuries associated with sharps being improperly disposed. With access to safe and convenient disposal options, as well as a robust outreach and education program, residents will be empowered to properly dispose their materials.

The passage of this Ordinance would ensure that manufacturers and producers of prescription and nonprescription drugs and sharps share in the responsibility of proper disposal of their products. Culver City supports this shared responsibility approach and does not want the cost of managing these materials at the end of their useful life solely borne by local jurisdictions.

We understand that the County has conducted multiple stakeholder meetings which included representatives from the manufacturers and producers of these materials, retailers, pharmacies, consumer advocacy groups, environmental organizations, waste hauling industry, and others in order to develop the most effective Ordinance. We appreciate this collaborative approach.

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Following adoption of the Ordinance by the Board, the City of Culver City is interested in considering passing a resolution to adopt this Ordinance so that our City's residents also have access to safe, convenient, and sustainably financed collection and disposal methods of pharmaceuticals and sharps.

If you have any questions, or if you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mr. Charles D. Herbertson, Public Works Director and City Engineer, at (310) 253-5630.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Micheál O'Leary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Micheál O'Leary
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Members of the City Council
John M. Nachbar, City Manager
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