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Hilda L. Solis, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
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Via Fax: (213) 613-1739

**RE: Los Angeles County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance – NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Supervisor Solis:

The City of Huntington Park supports the drafting and adoption of Los Angeles County's Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would require the development of Stewardship Plans to address the collection and disposal of unwanted/unused pharmaceuticals and sharps waste generated by residents. The ordinance establishes a sustainably-financed program that will provide residents with a convenient means to safely dispose of unwanted sharps and pharmaceuticals and help to prevent them 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 more informed of the appropriate collection and disposal methods.

We understand 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.

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. Our City supports this shared responsibility approach as the costs of managing these materials at the end of their life should not solely come from local jurisdictions.

Following adoption of the ordinance by the Board, the City of Huntington Park is very interested in adopting a resolution to adopt this ordinance so that our residents also have access to safe, convenient, and sustainably-financed collection and disposal methods of pharmaceuticals and sharps.

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Sincerely,

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