



March 14, 2003

John DelGiorno
Vice President
State Government Affairs
GlaxoSmithKline
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Dear Mr. DelGiorno,

The pharmacists in Minnesota share your concerns about patient safety. The Minnesota Pharmacists Association supports GlaxoSmithKline's decision to cease shipping to Canadian pharmacies and wholesalers engaged in cross-border sales to individuals for personal use. Canadian importation activities, which violate U.S. law as well as the Minnesota Pharmacy Practice Act, remove the local pharmacist -- the patient's most valuable resource for medication use and appropriateness of drug therapy from the system our patients have come to depend upon.

Activities that threaten patient access to the most qualified, most educated and most accessible professional are a detriment to the health care system. GSK should be congratulated for its leadership role in this important health care issue. On behalf of our board of directors, which represent pharmacists from every practice setting, we thank you for your initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie K. Johnson".

Julie K. Johnson, RPh.
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