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Dear Dr. Garnier:

On behalf of RetireSafe.org and its over 1 million senior citizen supporters nationwide, I would like to commend you for your courageous stance in favor of protecting older Americans from the dangerous and illegally re-imported pharmaceuticals coming across the border from Canada.

These online sales to American seniors of GlaxoSmithKline products originally purchased in Canada are not only illegal, they are extremely dangerous. Health and Human Services Secretaries from both parties have warned policymakers of the risks posed by unregulated drugs smuggled over the Canadian border. Irresponsible politicians have sought to exploit the legitimate needs of Medicare beneficiaries for a drug benefit by urging the legalization of these pharmaceuticals, but they are not the ones who will have to answer if drugs become tainted or mislabeled in the process.

We agree that the real answer to this issue is not a quick fix that endangers seniors just to score political points, but rather the adoption of a responsible prescription drug benefit within Medicare. RetireSafe.org has been a leader in fighting for a benefit that offers seniors more choice and control than they currently have, all while helping preserve Medicare for future generations by reigning in costs through provider competition.

We look forward to working with you to help craft a responsible drug benefit for Medicare this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles G. Hardin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Charles G. Hardin
President