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The Honorable Bart Gordon
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gordon:

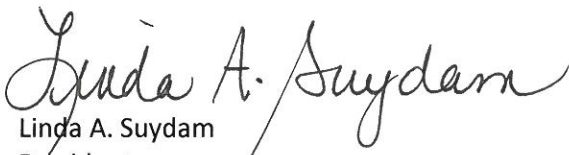
The Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA), representing the leading manufacturers of over-the-counter medicines and nutritional supplements, is pleased to support your efforts to combat methamphetamine abuse through H.R. 2923, the "Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act."

The proposed measure would provide additional enforcement tools for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and local law enforcement in the fight against the manufacture of methamphetamine. It will also help prevent the diversion of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products for illegitimate purposes, while still providing consumers with access to these necessary medications. The bill would make important modifications to the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act (CMEA) of 2005, requiring entities selling pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products to self-certify with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) their compliance with CMEA. It would also ensure that non-certified entities cannot access pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products.

CHPA is committed to fighting the scourge of methamphetamine. While we are encouraged by the decrease in the number of meth labs nationwide since the adoption of CMEA, too many communities continue to fight the battle against meth. That's why we support H.R. 2923 and why our members who manufacture products containing pseudoephedrine are proud to have established the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx) to provide a free, multi-state electronic tracking system to block illegal sales of pseudoephedrine. NPLEx has already been adopted in 10 states where meth labs are a critical problem.

Your legislation is an example of the vigilance needed to ensure that we build upon the success of CMEA. We stand ready to work with you to see that it is enacted.

Sincerely,


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