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Senator Susan Collins
Chairman
U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging
506 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: S.2615, the “Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act”

Dear Chairman Collins and Ranking Member McCaskill:

On behalf of the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA), thank you for your ongoing support for reducing healthcare costs and working to safeguard patient and provider access to generic drugs. HSCA is pleased to support your legislation, the “Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act” (S.2615), and we are grateful for the constructive conversation we recently had with your staff. As Congress works to address generic drug price spikes, we applaud your efforts and your continued commitment to find legislative solutions.

HSCA commends the goal of S.2615 to create a more competitive generic drug marketplace. We believe mandating priority review of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) in single-source situations is critical to achieving that goal. As future opportunities arise to consider enhancements or additions to the legislation, we encourage you to make a key amendment that we believe will make the bill even more effective, in the form of a new subsection to also mandate priority review for generic injectable drugs with two or fewer manufacturers.

Generic injectables are the workhorses of acute care facilities and bring tremendous value to healthcare providers and the patients they serve. Price spikes for these drugs are causing significant challenges for patients and providers undergoing inpatient care. As the Aging Committee works with stakeholders, we look forward to continuing to collaborate on this matter and sharing additional solutions. Given our unique line of sight into all aspects of the healthcare supply chain, we would be pleased to serve as a resource to you and your staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions. I can be reached at 202.629.5833 or tebert@supplychainassociation.org.

Sincerely,

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