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## HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION TO HELP ADDRESS GENERIC DRUG PRICE SPIKES

*HSCA Confirms Support for S.2615 in Letter to Senate Special Committee on Aging Chair Collins and Ranking Member McCaskill*

**Washington, DC (April 27, 2016)** – The Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) today announced its support for S.2615, new legislation from Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Claire McCaskill (D-MO) aimed at creating a more competitive generic drug marketplace. HSCA confirmed its support for the “Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act” in a letter to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, which also thanked the Senators for their ongoing work to reduce healthcare costs and safeguard patient and provider access to generic drugs.

“The *Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act* (S.2615) is an important step toward fostering a more competitive generic drug marketplace and ensuring patient access to affordable medications,” said HSCA President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph. “HSCA applauds Senators Collins and McCaskill for their leadership on S.2615 and we support the legislation’s mandated priority review of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) for generic drugs made by just one manufacturer. Healthcare group purchasing organizations have a unique line of sight on the healthcare supply chain, and we look forward to continuing to serve as a resource to the Senate Special Committee on Aging as they work to advance S.2615.”

“As future opportunities arise to consider enhancements or additions to the legislation, we encourage [Congress] 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,” said Ebert in the letter.

For the full letter, [click here](#).

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The Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) represents the nation's leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America's hospitals, nursing homes, nursing home pharmacies, clinics, home healthcare providers and surgery centers. GPOs deliver billions in savings annually to healthcare providers, Medicare and Medicaid, and taxpayers. HSCA and its member GPOs are committed to delivering the best products at the best value to healthcare providers, to increasing competition and innovation in the market, and to being supply chain leaders in transparency and accountability. For more information, visit [www.supplychainassociation.org](http://www.supplychainassociation.org). Follow HSCA on Twitter @HSCA.

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