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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
United States Senate
225 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Endorsement of the "Better Care, Lower Cost Act"

Dear Chairman Wyden:

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) is writing to thank you for your leadership in sponsoring S. 1932, the "Better Care, Lower Cost Act". We support the concept of using Better Care Programs (BCPs) to provide fully-integrated medical care for people with chronic health conditions. Moreover, we applaud your recognition of the value of pharmacists' services by including them in this new healthcare model.

Your legislation will promote accountability and better care management for chronically ill patients and provide coordinated services under Parts A, B and D, while recognizing that pharmacist and pharmacy services have great potential to improve care for patients with chronic health conditions.

As the demand for healthcare services continues to grow, pharmacists have expanded their role in healthcare delivery, partnering with physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers to meet their patients' needs. Pharmacy services improve quality of life and healthcare affordability. By providing services that allow patients to take their medications more effectively and by providing preventive services, pharmacists help patients avoid more costly forms of care down the line. We are happy that the effectiveness of pharmacists in delivering patient care is resonating with policymakers.

We are pleased to endorse this important legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact Tom O'Donnell, NACDS' Vice President, Federal Government Affairs, at (703) 837-4216 or todonnell@nacds.org if we can provide any assistance.

Sincerely,



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