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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chair
Senate Finance Committee
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
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Dear Chair Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Senate Finance Committee's draft outline on the Medicare Drug Shortage Prevention and Mitigation Program. Our organizations represent oncology and hematology patients and providers who are concerned with the recent ongoing drug shortages that have impacted oncology and hematology patients' access to care, particularly the generic sterile injectables (GSIs) that this proposal focuses on.

We agree with the Committee that it is critical to incentivize hospitals and other providers, as well as supply-chain participants, to meet quality standards that drive reliability and predictability, with the goal of preventing and mitigating shortages in GSIs.

We applaud the Committee for their bipartisan draft outline, which is a good starting point for addressing drug shortages. We believe that this proposal will help stabilize the market with longer term contracts, and we appreciate that it focuses on GSIs. We agree with the eligible program participants included in the draft outline, and the core standards and the advanced standards outlined in the draft proposal seem appropriate. We appreciate that the draft outline is broad, and we look forward to providing more feedback as the Finance Committee continues its work.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback and for your willingness to continue to engage with the stakeholder community as you work in a bipartisan manner to draft legislation to address drug shortages. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Association of American Cancer Institutes
American Society of Hematology
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association of Cancer Care Centers
Cancer Support Community
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
KidneyCAN
Lymphoma Research Foundation
LUNgevity Foundation
Melanoma Research Foundation
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
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