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Patrick Morrissey
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State Capitol Complex
Building 1, Room 26E
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Dear Attorney General Morrissey:

West Virginia Society of Health System Pharmacists is an organization with a strong desire to assist in any way to help decrease the overuse of opioids within our wonderful state.

For this reason, the Executive Committee of the West Virginia Society of Health System Pharmacist is pleased to support the best practices that your office has created and released. We strongly encourage all healthcare professionals to support and adopt these guidelines into their daily practices.

We feel strongly that pharmacists have a vital role in the efforts to reduce the use of prescription opioids. Pharmacists assist prescribers in selecting the most appropriate medication for patient's pain control. Pharmacists provide education to healthcare professionals, patients, family members and care givers about the appropriate use of opioids and non-opioid options to treat pain issues.

Sincerely,

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