

# *National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities and National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Agreement*

**WHEREAS**, the members of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) in Canada and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) in the United States have the common responsibilities of regulating the practice of pharmacists and ensuring public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, NAPRA and NABP are mutually committed to working together to support the ability and effectiveness of individual member organizations in fulfilling their regulated mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Food and Drug Administration has repeatedly stated that importation of prescription drugs is potentially dangerous and unsafe for United States citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Canadian provincial pharmacy regulatory authorities recognize that the exportation of prescription drugs from Canada raises legal, ethical, and public policy issues for Canadians, in the context of health care, pharmacy services, and availability of prescription drugs; and

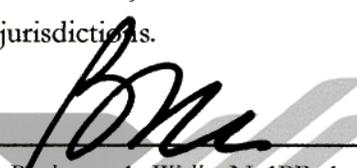
**WHEREAS**, provincial pharmacy regulatory authorities in Canada and state pharmacy regulatory authorities in the United States agree that the international movement of prescription drugs between Canada and the United States undermines the regulatory systems established in each country to protect consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses, individuals, and organizations that facilitate prescription drug importation for United States consumers are encouraging the violation of federal and state laws in the United States that are designed to protect the health and safety of its citizens; and

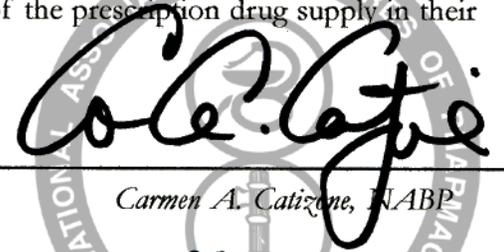
**WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed by many Canadian provincial pharmacy regulatory authorities regarding the export of prescription drugs into the United States to the extent that importation violates the federal or state laws of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the concerns regarding patient safety and the laws mentioned above, certain business, individuals, and organizations continue to facilitate the importation of prescription drugs into the United States,

**THEREFORE**, the undersigned representatives of the pharmacy regulatory authorities in Canada and the United States pledge to work together to protect the citizens each are mandated to serve, and to promote compliance with the federal, state, and provincial laws and standards of Canada and the United States, to ensure the safety and integrity of the prescription drug supply in their respective jurisdictions.

  
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