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Governor Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Ensuring the Affordability of Allergen Immunotherapy in California and the United States.

Dear Governor Brown,

I am writing to request your assistance in ensuring the continued affordability of allergen immunotherapy for the treatment of allergic conditions. The Allergy community is very concerned that recently proposed revisions to General Chapter 797 of the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) Pharmaceutical Compounding Guidelines and the imposition of a 28-day Beyond Use Date for allergen extract mixes, is particularly concerning because it would effectively eliminate allergy shot therapy in the United States.

The House Appropriations Committee, with bipartisan support led by Congressman Robert Aderholt (R-AL) and Congressman Sam Farr (D-CA), recently approved a report accompanying the FY 2017 appropriations bill for the Department of Agriculture stating: "The Committee is concerned that proposed changes to general chapter 797 of the USP contradicts the legislative intent ... of DQSA regarding the practice of "office-use" compounding of allergen extracts. It is the sense of the committee that the practice of office-use compounding of allergen extracts by physicians has been proven to be both safe and effective for the diagnosis and treatment of allergic conditions.

I urge you to support the Allergy community and countless allergy shot patients by opposing any proposed restrictions on office-use compounding of allergen extracts as currently performed in California and across the nation.

Warmest Regards,

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