

February 5, 2019

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

I am writing on behalf of Vizient, Inc. to offer our [continued support](#) for the Creating and Restoring Equal Access to Equivalent Samples (CREATES) Act. Vizient applauds you for reintroducing this critical legislation in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, and we look forward to working with you to ensure this important, bipartisan legislation is enacted into law.

Vizient is the nation's largest member-driven health care performance improvement company. Our diverse membership base includes academic medical centers, pediatric facilities, community hospitals, integrated health delivery networks and non-acute health care providers. Vizient is headquartered in Irving, TX with locations in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and other cities across the country. At a time when rising drug costs are putting an increasing strain on our members' bottom lines, we thank you for your ongoing commitment to a bipartisan, market-based solution to curb rising drug costs.

Vizient strongly supports the CREATES Act, which will help to slow out-of-control prescription drug spending and stop anti-competitive abuses that keep drug prices high for patients and providers. This legislation provides important tools to address delay tactics used by brand manufacturers to block entry of generic drugs into the marketplace by allowing generic manufacturers to obtain relief from brand-name pharmaceutical companies that are "gaming" the system and using these tactics to block access.

In turn, the CREATES Act will help speed the introduction of generic and biosimilar medicines into the marketplace. Vizient believes that increasing competition is a critical step in helping to slow the upward trajectory of drug costs and ultimately lowering prices for patients. We applaud this legislation, which will help improve access and affordability for the health care providers we serve, and help them fulfill their mission to provide high quality health care to their patients and communities.

Thank you again for reintroducing the CREATES Act, and for your leadership in advancing meaningful solutions to lower the cost of prescription drugs. Vizient and its members are committed to efforts that will improve the delivery of care and remove unnecessary cost from the U.S. health care market. We look forward to working with you to advance this bipartisan solution into law this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me ([shoshana.krilow@vizientinc.com](mailto:shoshana.krilow@vizientinc.com) or 202-354-2607) if you have any questions about Vizient or if there is any way we can be of assistance in supporting this legislation.

Sincerely,



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