

August 24, 2020

The Honorable Gary C. Peters
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Hart Senate Office Building
Suite 724
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Peters,

I am writing on behalf of Vizient, Inc. to offer our support for the Safe Drugs Act. We are pleased to endorse this bill, which would enhance supply chain security and patient safety by providing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with mandatory recall authority for drugs.

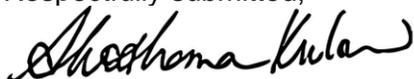
Vizient, Inc. provides solutions and services that improve the delivery of high-value care by aligning cost, quality and market performance for more than 50% of the nation's acute care providers, which includes 95% of the nation's academic medical centers, and more than 20% of ambulatory providers. Vizient provides expertise, analytics and advisory services, as well as a contract portfolio that represents more than \$100 billion in annual purchasing volume, to improve patient outcomes and lower costs. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, Vizient has offices throughout the United States.

Vizient supports the Safe Drugs Act because it provides FDA with needed authority to help improve the safety and efficiency of the drug supply chain. Currently, drug recalls are voluntary, complex and pose a variety of challenges for hospitals and health systems. Given that FDA may already issue mandatory recalls for vaccines, biologics, medical devices and controlled substances, Vizient believes expanding this authority to drugs is a commonsense step that Congress can take to better protect patients.

Thank you again for introducing the Safe Drugs Act, and for your leadership in advancing meaningful solutions to promote safety and security. Vizient and its members are committed to efforts that will improve the delivery of care and remove unnecessary risk from the U.S. health care supply chain.

We look forward to working with you to advance this solution into law this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Jenna Stern at jenna.stern@vizientinc.com if you have any questions about Vizient or if there is any way we can be of assistance in supporting this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



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