

May 19, 2021

The Honorable Dick Durbin
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Durbin and Cassidy:

I am writing today to offer [Vizient's](#) support for the Integrity, Notification, Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces (INFORM) Consumers Act. Your legislation will help protect health care workers and other consumers by putting important safeguards in place that would discourage the sale of counterfeit medical supplies.

Vizient, Inc. is the nation's largest health care performance improvement company. Vizient 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 is committed to protecting front-line clinical workers and the health care supply chain from counterfeit medical supplies. A lack of seller authentication procedures on e-commerce platforms has been a significant contributor to the proliferation of counterfeit goods available online. While Vizient continues to engage in efforts to help our member hospitals secure and verify the authenticity of needed products, this legislation will only serve to further our efforts to ensure a reliable health care supply chain.

It is a fact that many bad actors continue to exploit the ongoing public health emergency for their own financial gain. Legislative action appears necessary to curb the flow of these counterfeit and potentially hazardous products. Vizient appreciates your efforts to bring accountability and transparency to the sale of goods in these marketplaces.

Vizient is proud to support the INFORM Consumers Act. If enacted, it will provide a safeguard that will limit bad actors' ability to continue peddling counterfeit medical supplies. It is a logical, but measured, approach to address an escalating problem.

We look forward to working with you on passing the INFORM Consumers Act. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 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 advancing your important legislation. Thank you again for tackling this growing problem and proposing a commonsense solution.

Sincerely,



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