



California Life Sciences Association (CLSA) Responds to Administration's Drug Importation Plan

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WASHINGTON & SAN FRANCISCO & SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--[California Life Sciences Association](#) (CLSA), the trade association representing California's life sciences sector, issued the following statement in response to the Trump Administration's drug importation [proposal](#) unveiled today. This statement can be attributed to Mike Guerra, President & CEO, CLSA:

"The Trump Administration's [plan](#) to allow for the importation of foreign drugs is unworkable, compromises the health and safety of Americans, and won't bring savings to patients' pocketbooks. Former top officials from both Republican and Democratic Presidential Administrations have previously warned about safety concerns related to and the inability of federal agencies, such as FDA, CMS, DEA and FBI, to conduct adequate oversight of drug importation. Unfortunately, this flawed proposal takes a step in the wrong direction. Instead of pursuing a faulty plan that could exacerbate drug shortages worldwide, we should work to cap out-of-pocket costs so that patients have more predictability and are able to afford the treatments they need.

"On behalf of California's life sciences sector, a vibrant ecosystem [working to develop thousands](#) of safe and effective new treatments to help patients, we urge the Administration to abandon this flawed proposal that could compromise patient safety. We will also work diligently with our bipartisan California Congressional delegation to educate them on the shortcomings of this plan."

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