



January 17, 2023

Representative Brad Barrett, Chair
House Public Health Committee
200 West Washington Street
Room 156-A
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Chairman Barrett and Members of the House Public Health Committee,

The Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the Indiana Oncology Society (IOS) are pleased to support **HB 1017: Prescription Drug Donation Repositories**.

IOS represents the common interests of oncologists and hematologists treating cancer in Indiana. They provide educational programs, networking opportunities, and robust advocacy support to help practices stay ahead of the shifting healthcare landscape and meet the challenges that directly impact how they care for their patients. ASCO is a national organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With nearly 45,000 members, our core mission is to ensure that cancer patients have meaningful access to high quality, equitable cancer care.

IOS and ASCO are committed to supporting state level initiatives that enhance access to high-quality, equitable cancer care, reduce waste in the health care system, and provide affordable treatment to underserved populations. We believe that the implementation of a well-regulated Drug Donation Program can serve as a mechanism to decrease drug waste, lower costs for state medical assistance programs, and allow patients to better access drugs not normally covered under patients' plans. For a more detailed understanding of our policy recommendations on this issue, we invite you to read the [ASCO Position Statement on Drug Repository Programs](#), from our affiliate organization, the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

We appreciate that HB 1017 includes safeguards for patient notification and drug storage requirements. For liability purposes, patients should be aware they are receiving donated drugs and the requirement for patients to attest to being eligible provides the necessary notification. Additionally, ASCO and IOS believe patients should only be able to receive donated drugs that can be stored at room temperature; we are pleased with the language banning donation of drugs with other temperature storage requirements.

If you have questions or would like assistance on any issue related to cancer care, please reach out to Aaron Segel at aaron.segel@asco.org or Stephanie Van Winkle at svanwinkle@accc-cancer.org.

Sincerely,

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President
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lori J. Pierce MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

Lori J. Pierce, MD, FASTRO, FASCO
Chair of the Board
Association for Clinical Oncology