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Pennsylvania State Board of Pharmacy
P. O. Box 2649
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Att: Melanie Zimmerman, Executive Secretary

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**Re: Final regulation #16a-5418; Deregulation of the
sale of syringes**

Gentle Persons:

We understand that the above-referenced regulation will now be considered on July 23rd.

We again express our support for the proposed deregulation of the sale of syringes.

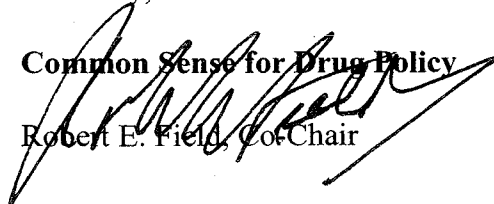
State Health Department statistics indicate that almost two persons each day contract HIV / AIDS due to the sharing of syringes. Deregulation of their sale will go far to reduce transmissions by heroin users and, secondarily, within the general population.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Common Sense for Drug Policy

Robert E. Field, Co-Chair



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