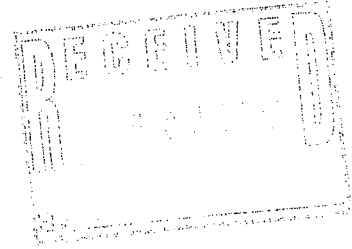


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Melanie Zimmerman, Executive Secretary
State Board of Pharmacy
P. O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

RE: The sale of hypodermic needles without a prescription

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

I am writing in favor of this change to the state regulation concerning the sale of hypodermic needles. Some will certainly have objections to this, but the need to provide clean needles to prevent the continued spread of HIV and HCV via needle sharing far outweighs any other concern.

I fully support this change and hope that it is enacted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William G. Buchanan, MM