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Mr. Shaw:

The Oregon Legislature passed a law in 2006 requiring that the use of pseudoephedrine be restricted to those who have a valid prescription from a medical provider. From the perspective of an Emergency Physician, an informal poll of our Board of Directors, representing Emergency Physicians across the state, found that the passage of this legislation has had no real impact on the number of visits we have seen in Emergency Departments across the state related to requests for prescriptions for this medication. In fact, almost all of us could not recall a patient encounter where this was an issue.

Given the clear relationship between the use of pseudoephedrine and the creation of methamphetamine, and plenty of viable alternatives on the market to use for decongestants, we think that this law in the state of Oregon has had a clear benefit without any compromise to the health of our citizens. We hope that California is successful in the passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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