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Prof. the Hon. LEE Kok Long, Joseph
Chairman, Bills Committee
Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Chairman of Bills Committee and Legislative Council members

Re: Support for the Pharmacy and Poisons Amendment Bill 2014

On behalf of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy of the University of Hong Kong, the School of Pharmacy of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry, the College of Pharmacy Practice and Hong Kong Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, we wish to express our strong support for the Pharmacy and Poisons Amendment Bill 2014 (PPAB) which sets out to implement recommendations put forward by the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong in December 2009.

The PPAB appropriately strengthens the regulations that govern the pharmaceutical trade including manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. In our opinion, the PPAB has a definite and important role in safeguarding the health of the general public.

There are a few minor amendments required in the PPAB which we have stated at the consultation on 20 May 2014 and also subsequently communicated to the Drug Office by individual organization. We believe these minor amendments can be sorted out and should not impede the passage of the PPAB.

The pharmacy profession always acts in the best interest of the public by adhering to best practice, which is mandatory to ensure patient drug safety. Therefore, we offer our strongest support for the PPAB.

Yours sincerely



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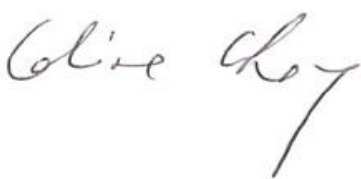
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