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The Honorable Richard Roth
Chair, Senate Health Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3310
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2300 (Wilson) – The Toxic Free Medical Devices Act – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Roth,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are proud to support AB 2300, The Toxic Free Medical Devices Act, which will phase out Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in IV bags and tubing.

DEHP is used as a plasticizer to make plastic material softer and more flexible and is commonly used in IV bags and tubing. DEHP has been shown to leach out of the IV bags and tubing and into the medication and other fluids being infused into the bloodstream of patients.

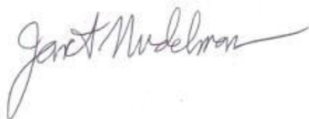
DEHP is a toxic chemical known to the State of California¹ to cause cancer and birth defects. DEHP acts as a potent reproductive and developmental toxicant and has endocrine-disrupting effects. Exposure to DEHP during development can cause hypertension, preterm birth, early puberty, and delayed mental and psychomotor development in children². It has also been linked to breast, lung, liver, and testicular cancer³ and negatively impacts the thyroid and immune system⁴.

DEHP has been classified by the US Environmental Protection Agency as a Group B2, probable human carcinogen and The American Medical Association, among other professional organizations, encourages hospitals and physicians to reduce and phase out the use of PVC medical device products, especially those containing DEHP⁵. Research indicates that DEHP promotes drug resistance in triple-negative breast cancer cells and inhibits the effectiveness of breast cancer drugs; interferes with the ability of chemotherapies to fight breast cancer, and that patients with higher levels of DEHP in their system had higher rates of relapse and mortality from breast cancer⁶.

Our standards for medical devices need to be higher. We know that safer products exist so why aren't we using them? California has led the way in enacting policies to protect people's health by removing DEHP from children's toys as well as cosmetics and personal care products, and now has an opportunity to lead the nation from phasing out DEHP from certain infusion products.

AB 2300 would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution of IV bags and IV tubing with DEHP in California. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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² <https://www.cdc.gov/TSP/ToxProfiles/ToxProfiles.aspx?id=684&tid=65>.

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/TSP/ToxFAQs/ToxFAQsDetails.aspx?faqid=377&toxoid=65#:~:text=The%20U.S.%20Department%20of%20Health,is%20a%20probable%20human%20carcinogen.>

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⁵ American Medical Association. (2016). Encouraging Alternatives to PVC/DEHP Products in Health H-135.945.

⁶ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0753332221011860>

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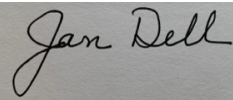
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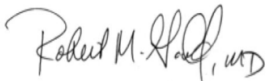
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