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**Members of the House Insurance Committee
Statement in Support of HB 2176
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Pfizer appreciates the opportunity to support House Bill 2176 dealing with prescription drug fills and refills.

Currently, the improper use of medicines has been stated to cause over \$200 billion in avoidable US healthcare costs. Of that large number, non-adherence is responsible for approximately \$105 billion of it. Simply put, taking medications as prescribed keeps your constituents healthy and out of the hospital where more expensive healthcare costs await.

HB 2176 is common-sense legislation that does two very important things:

- 1) The legislation provides a new tool in medication synchronization that can improve adherence by 22-24%, according to a 2011 report.
- 2) It saves money. Projected cost-savings to Medicare Part D are simply staggering. One analysis predicts that the Federal Government will save approximately \$1.8 billion with this tool. The cost? \$500,000. No wonder this practice is already in place within Medicare.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or our local counsel, Nancy Zogleman. Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 2176.

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