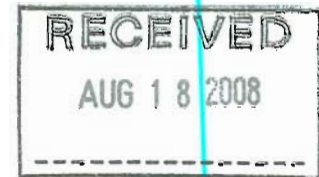




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Dear Ms. Sullivan,

This letter is in follow-up to the E-mail communication of July 28, 2008 sent by Carole Bouchard, Executive Director on behalf of our association regarding changes in the scope of practice for pharmacy.

The National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) is the national voluntary umbrella association of provincial and territorial pharmacy regulatory authorities (PRAs) which have for their mandate the protection of the public. Our members regulate the practice of pharmacy and operation of pharmacies in their respective jurisdictions.

NAPRA acts as a resource for the PRAs to share and discuss regulatory changes occurring across the country. We provide a forum to exchange ideas, experiences and strategies that are common to one or multiple members when faced with similar issues. One of our members, the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) is now in a position to put forward its proposed changes to address the evolution of the practice of pharmacy and its place within the health care system in general.

While we respect that NAPRA remains outside of any legal framework that will impact the recommendations of the Health Professionals Regulatory Advisory Council and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, we do however want to lend our support to the overall direction of this initiative.

The intent of this letter is not to comment on the specifics cited in the provincial submission but rather to recognize, in a collegial manner, the importance of this proposal in the context of the practice of pharmacy in a national setting.

As noted in Ms. Bouchard's initial communication, our Board of Directors will discuss this and other issues related to our profession with respect to the recently published "Blueprint for Pharmacy" by the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA). The purpose of the Blueprint document is to define a vision for pharmacy and to develop a strategic action plan for the future of our profession.

Again, we would be pleased to forward additional comments on this matter following our Board of Directors meeting in November 2008 if so desired.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Deanna Williams, Registrar, Ontario College of Pharmacists