April 15, 2016

Honorable Holly Rehder  
State Representative, District 148  
201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 404-B  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Rep. Rehder:

The Executive Committee of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) strongly supports the passage of H.B. 1892 and the establishment of a state prescription drug monitoring program (PMP) in Missouri.

NASCSA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose members regulate controlled substance prescriptions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. A majority of our members oversee and operate state PMPs. We strive on a daily basis to guard the public from the socially and economically devastating consequences of prescription drug misuse, abuse, and diversion.

We know firsthand that use of state PMP data can result in critical public health and safety improvements:

- More informed and appropriate prescribing.
- Reduced multiple provider episodes (doctor shopping).
- Slower rates of increase in opioid abuse or misuse.
- Fewer reports of opioid poisoning.

With the passage of H.B. 1892, the citizens of Missouri can begin to reap these benefits already experienced by citizens of the other 49 states.

NASCSA stands ready to assist you and your fellow state legislators by providing access to the in-depth expertise of a majority of this country’s state PMP Administrators. For assistance with PMP issues, please contact Barbara Carter, Chair of NASCSA’s PMP Committee. Ms. Carter may be reached by phone at 651-201-2833, or by email at Barbara.a.carter@state.mn.us.

To learn more about NASCSA and the activities of state controlled substances authorities, please contact the organization’s Executive Director, Kathy Keough. Ms. Keough may be reached by phone at 617-472-0520, or by email at Kathykeough@nascsa.org.

Sincerely,

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