



June 17, 2016

Sen. Bob Casey
c/o United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Allergy and Asthma Association, please accept my great thanks for the bipartisan letter that you recently initiated to HHS Secretary Burwell opposing the proposal of US Pharmacopoeia (USP) to change guidelines for compounding of allergen extracts in physician's offices, a proposal that has not been based on any sound scientific data.

As you know, this proposal would have a significant adverse impact on patient access to allergen immunotherapy, which have been a highly effective therapy for patients for over 100 years. The requirements in the proposal would both increase the cost and decrease the availability of this very important treatment option. We are in agreement with the American Medical Association that the USP proposal "would, for all practical purposes, eliminate this form of individual patient therapy to the detriment of patient allergy care."

We very much appreciate your support, and thank you for all of her hard work and efforts on behalf of our patients in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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