



May 2, 2024

The Honorable Mike Kelly  
707 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kelly:

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) is writing in support of the “Safer Compounding in Hospitals Act,” legislation you plan to re-introduce this spring.

We thank you for sponsoring this legislation, which would make it easier for hospitals to adopt automated IV drug compounding technology to promote patient safety, reduce avoidable medication errors, bolster hospital pharmacy workforces, and provide solutions in times of drug shortages.

ASHP is the largest association of pharmacy professionals in the United States, representing 60,000 pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians in all patient care settings, including hospitals, ambulatory clinics, and health system community pharmacies. ASHP members are responsible for the compounding of medications in hospitals, including compounding of sterile IV preparations. Our members have indicated that there are regulatory hurdles to adopting automated drug compounding technology, despite the fact that it would ease burdens on pharmacy staff and contribute to higher quality compounded preparations. We believe this legislation would remove barriers to adopting this innovation for hospitals and health systems across the country, and urge consideration of similar legislation focused on compounding technology more generally to ensure the broadest possible reach across the healthcare system.

We support the bill’s provisions to incentivize the adoption of automated compounding technology. Compounding sterile drug products utilizes a tremendous amount of both human and financial resources, costing hospitals hundreds of thousands of dollars annually on average, with that amount increasing during times of medication shortage. Increasing access to sterile drug compounding technology will increase flexibility in how hospitals deploy pharmacy resources. Further, sterile drug compounding can be invaluable when injectable drugs are in shortage, which sadly occurs with regularity. ASHP thanks you for your work on this issue.

We look forward to continuing to work with you ensure Americans have access to quality prescription drugs. If you have questions or if ASHP can assist you in any way, please contact Frank Kolb at [fkolb@ashp.org](mailto:fkolb@ashp.org).

Sincerely,

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