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The Honorable Robert Hartwell
115 State St
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Dear Senator Hartwell,

On behalf of Cardinal Health, thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns with House Bill 695, relating to the battery product stewardship plan.

Cardinal Health is a worldwide leader in pharmaceutical and medical product distribution, and our mission is to make healthcare more cost-effective, safe and productive, so our customers can focus on their patients.

While we understand that the intent of HB 695 is to ensure that batteries are properly disposed of unfortunately as written the legislation would be difficult for distributors to manage and ultimately comply.

As a distributor, we play an important role in the healthcare supply chain ensuring the medical products we distribute are safely and efficiently delivered to our customers and to healthcare providers. The battery containing products that we distribute come to us from the manufacturer pre-packaged to include the primary battery needed to power the device already sealed in the package. In order to not compromise the product, we as a distributor cannot open the packaging to remove the battery.

Additionally, as a distributor, we do not believe that the burden of the battery product stewardship plan should fall to the distributors of the products. As mentioned above, our role, while an important one, is focused on safely delivering medical products from manufacturers to the healthcare providers. We are not manufacturing medical products that contain batteries and as such feel that distributors should be removed from the legislation.

Thank you for allowing me to express our concerns with HB 695. Please feel free to reach to me with any questions you may have. I can be reached at 614.757.7054(o), 614.668.7630(c) or at laura.padgitt@cardinalhealth.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Padgitt".

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