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Rep. William Lippert, Jr., Chair
House Committee on Health Care
Vermont State House
115 State Street
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Dear Rep. Lippert:

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is a non-partisan, non profit organization helping states address health policy issues. With funding from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, we sponsor the Center for Rx Drug Pricing, supporting states that wish to tackle the challenge of rising drug prices. Through this Center, we have the capacity to provide some consulting assistance to states. We have been working with a group of experts in importation to craft an implementation template that could be used by states to develop a proposal to the Secretary of HHS seeking authorization of a drug wholesale importation program. We are currently working with Utah to respond to a Legislative request for such a plan and we believe there is an opportunity to work collaboratively with Vermont and Utah, using NASHP's resources and consultants. NASHP has resources to support the initial planning and design by states if needed to develop the application to HHS.

We have followed closely your work to enact a law authorizing a wholesale importation program and stand ready to support you in developing a plan to implement it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Trish Riley
Executive Director