

March 14, 2024

The Honorable Doris Matsui
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Larry Bucshon
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representatives Matsui and Bucshon,

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., I am pleased to offer our endorsement for the *Mapping America's Pharmaceutical Supply (MAPS) Act* (H.R. 6992). Your important, bipartisan legislation would help identify vulnerabilities in the pharmaceutical supply chain, allowing parties to better predict future supply interruptions to combat drug shortages and increase resiliency and readiness.

Vizient is the nation's leading healthcare performance improvement company. Vizient provides solutions and services that improve the delivery of high-value care by aligning cost, quality, and market performance for more than 60% of the nation's acute care providers, which includes 97% of the nation's academic medical centers and more than 25% of ambulatory providers. Vizient provides expertise, analytics, and advisory services, as well as a contract portfolio that represents more than \$130 billion in annual purchasing volume, to improve patient outcomes and lower costs. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, Vizient has offices throughout the United States.

The *MAPS Act* takes a proactive approach to identifying supply disruptions and mitigating shortages. In addition to requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish an essential medicines list, the *MAPS Act* would also create a database mapping the pharmaceutical supply chain with the goal of preventing drug shortages before they happen. This new database would include information such as the country of origin, quantity of drugs manufactured and other key information for these essential medicines – which is not currently readily available. This critical information would add much-needed visibility into every step of our pharmaceutical supply chain and with this increased visibility, hospitals and health systems would be better prepared to predict future vulnerabilities and address drug shortages before they begin. Vizient is proud to offer our support of this bipartisan bill so that patients can continue to get the life-saving medications they require.

Thank you for your leadership in introducing this bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me at shoshana.krilow@vizientinc.com or 202-354-2607 if you have any questions about Vizient or if there is any way we can be of assistance in advancing your important legislation.

Sincerely,



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