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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Canada's only federation of provincial and territorial health associations and organizations, the Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA), is pleased to support the efforts of ISMP Canada and CPSI to establish voluntary standards for automated identification of pharmaceuticals in Canada.

The Canadian Pharmaceutical Bar Coding Project aligns with CHA's mission to be a leader in developing and advocating for health policy solutions that meet the needs of Canadians. We endorse the Joint Technical Statement on Pharmaceutical Automated Identification and Product Database Requirements as an important step to improving medication safety across the continuum of care.

To further demonstrate CHA's support for this project, we will highlight to our members the leading practices emerging from the project, as well as the benefits the voluntary national bar code standards for pharmaceuticals will provide for the health system and for Canadians.

We look forward to speaking with you at a future date concerning CHA's further support of this project through joint initiatives with ISMP Canada, CPSI and the many other stakeholders who have also endorsed this vital project.

Sincerely,

Pamela C. Fralick  
President and CEO