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Congressman Buddy Carter
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: H.R 6930; the MADE in America Act of 2020

Dear Congressmen Carter,

The Global Healthy Living Foundation (GHLF) writes to thank you for your efforts to combat shortages of critical drugs through your work on the MADE in America Act of 2020.

By way of background, GHLF is a 21-year-old non-profit patient organization reaching millions of chronically ill patients and their caregivers across the country through social media, community events, and online support and education. Our ArthritisPower registry of nearly 30,000 patient participants was developed as part of the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network (PCORnet). GHLF works to improve the quality of life for patients living with chronic disease. Our patients suffer from chronic conditions including arthritis, psoriasis, gastrointestinal disease, cardiovascular disease, sickle cell, lung disease, MS, diabetes, migraine and others.

Long before the coronavirus pandemic began, drug shortages have plagued the health care system. As patients, this has impacted needed care through delays, risky substitutions, and in some cases simply having to go without a critical product. The causes of these shortages are multi-faceted, and we commend your work to address some of these issues in order to secure the drug supply chain during and long after the pandemic.

We are supportive of the provisions of the MADE in America Act (H.R. 6930) and thank you for your stewardship of these protections because these policies seek to address some of the underlying regulatory causes of market disruptions that can help stabilize the critical generic drug market. Ensuring collaboration between offices at the FDA to weigh the public health risk and benefits of voluntarily disrupting production could help avoid unnecessary reductions in capacity.

We believe that your forward-thinking policies will positively change the regulatory and market landscape and commend your work to champion this issue. GHLF and our patient network stand ready to help you get these protections passed into law.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership on this issue. Please feel free to reach out to me at snewmark@ghlf.org to let us know ways we can support this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CC: Senator Tim Scott and Congressman Darren Soto