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## HSCA Applauds Senators Collins and Smith for Bipartisan Legislation to Prevent and Mitigate Drug Shortages

*Bipartisan “MEDS Act” is an important step forward in addressing drug shortages in the United States.*

**Washington, DC (October 30, 2019)** – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President and CEO Khatereh Calleja today released the following statement applauding Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) and Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) and announcing HSCA’s support for *The Mitigating Emergency Drug Shortages (MEDS) Act*:

“HSCA and its member group purchasing organizations (GPOs) applaud Senators Collins and Smith for their bipartisan leadership in addressing drug shortages, reducing healthcare costs, and improving patient outcomes for Americans across the country. HSCA strongly supports the MEDS Act, which builds upon the important steps Congress has taken to provide additional authority to the FDA to help mitigate drug shortages and develop market-based incentives to ensure a stable supply of medications critical for patient care.

“Ongoing critical prescription drug shortages endanger patient care. HSCA is on the front lines of the drug shortage fight, leveraging our unique line of sight over the entire supply chain to help hospitals and physicians avoid shortages, advocating for policy solutions that increase competition in the generic drug marketplace and help address drug shortages, and participating in a multi-stakeholder working group composed of leading healthcare provider organizations to develop policy proposals that prevent and mitigate drug shortages in a comprehensive manner.

“HSCA and its member companies thank Senators Collins and Smith for their commitment to addressing drug shortages, and we look forward to continuing to be a resource for the Senators and all policymakers as we work to ensure continued patient access to prescription medicines.”

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### About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) represents the nation’s leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America’s hospitals, homes, nursing home pharmacies, clinics, home healthcare providers and surgery centers. GPOs deliver billions in savings annually to healthcare providers, Medicare and Medicaid, and taxpayers. HSCA and its

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