

Statement Before  
The General Law Committee  
Tuesday, March 5, 2013

**Re: HB 6444: An Act Concerning the Counterfeit Controlled Substances**

Good Afternoon Senator Doyle, Representative Baram and members of the General Law Committee. My name is Marghie Giuliano. I am a pharmacist and the Executive Vice President of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association. The Connecticut Pharmacists Association is a professional organization representing 1,000 pharmacists in the state of Connecticut. I am submitting written testimony in opposition to **HB 6444: AAC Counterfeit Controlled Substances**.

This legislation would require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations that would prohibit any person from knowingly purchasing, trading selling or transferring a counterfeit substance.

It is our opinion that this legislation may be unnecessary due to the fact that there are Federal laws in place that address the misbranding of prescription medications. It is our belief that if a counterfeit product was identified and a person knowingly sold it, that person would be subject to penalties by the FDA and the DEA. We do not feel that this issue would benefit or be remedied by having a similar state law in place.

And finally, it also has the potential of having a fiscal note that would adversely impact the Department of Consumer Protection's operations and enforcement capacity in this economy.