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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Doyle and Representative Baram, Vice-Chairs Senator Fonfara and Representative Kiner, Ranking Members Senator Witkos and Representative Carter, and members of the General Law Committee,

I submit my testimony in full support of House Bill 5484, AN ACT PROHIBITING GENERIC SUBSTITUTIONS FOR TAMPER- RESISTANT DRUG FORMULATIONS.

This proposal introduced by Representative Dan Carter, Representative Michelle Cook and myself would require the written consent of a prescribing provider to use a generic substitution for any medication that is designed in a tamper resistant formulation. Generic medications are not formulated in the same way as tamper resistant medications and could therefore be used in ways other than what it is intended for. This proposal is an abuse deterrent and will insure that the medication is used only in its intended form. As a medical doctor I see this both as a public health and public safety issue.

I urge you to support this piece of legislation. I thank the committee for their time and attention into this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Prasad".

Prasad Srinivasan
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