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## HIDA APPLAUDS HOUSE PASSAGE OF 'PEDIGREE' LEGISLATION

### *President & CEO highlights Congressional leadership efforts*

Alexandria, Va. – The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Drug Quality and Security Act (H.R. 3204) Saturday, establishing a strong, uniform federal prescription drug-tracing standard. The bill was negotiated between the House and Senate chambers during the August Congressional recess and passed the House by a voice vote.

“On behalf of medical-surgical products distributors, HIDA applauds the House’s vote to ensure supply chain integrity for patients and providers,” said HIDA President & CEO Matthew J. Rowan. “We appreciate the leadership of Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) for working on this important patient safety issue. HIDA members have advocated tirelessly and educated members of Congress on the urgent need to simplify existing state ‘pedigree’ requirements.

The ability to trace medical products uniformly while maintaining a seamless healthcare supply chain is essential. We encourage immediate Senate action on the bill to ensure this reaches the President’s desk as quickly as possible.”

### **About HIDA**

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