

February 10, 2014

The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
825 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Fischer:

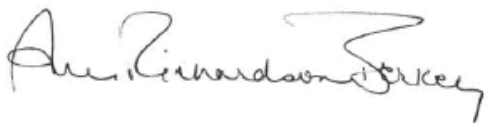
On behalf of McKesson Corporation, I would like to applaud the introduction of the “Preventing Regulatory Overreach To Enhance Care Technology (PROTECT) Act of 2014.” This legislation seeks to provide critical clarity regarding the regulation of a broad array of health IT.

As you are aware, under the current law, the Food and Drug Administration regulates all health IT under the broader category of “medical devices,” a term that was defined by existing statute enacted in the 1970’s. The PROTECT Act creates a risk-based regulatory framework that recognizes the different categories of health IT solutions that remain undefined under current law. The legislation will promote patient safety while continuing to foster innovative and critical medical advancements that will improve the quality and efficiency of health care.

As the largest health IT company in the world, McKesson is actively engaged in the transformation of healthcare from a system burdened by paper to one empowered by interoperable electronic solutions that improve patient safety, reduce the cost and variability of care and advance healthcare efficiency. The PROTECT Act is consistent with our objectives and is an important step forward in helping to achieve a modern healthcare system.

Thank you for your interest in this important issue and for your commitment to a reasonable resolution of concerns.

Sincerely,



Ann Richardson Berkey