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October 30, 2017

George S. Barrett
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Dublin, Ohio 43017

Re: Ohio Opioid Crisis

Dear George:

Ohio is in the midst of an unprecedented public health crisis brought on by the near unfettered access to prescription opioids. At least fourteen Ohioans are dying every single day in our state from drug overdoses. In addition to the sheer horror of lost lives, the state of Ohio and its people face a nearly unending barrage of costs associated with treatment, prevention, enforcement, rehabilitation, and lost opportunity.

As a licensed wholesale drug distributor, you occupy a unique space in the prescription opioid supply chain. Your failure to take action to stem the flow of prescription opioids into our communities contributed to the tidal wave of addiction and death that we now face.

You have expressed a desire to be part of the solution to this crisis. In that regard I am presenting you with an opportunity to meet with me and my office within the next 30 days to begin building a response that will immediately start saving lives and preventing future deaths and suffering.

Should you choose to take me up on the offer to meet, I expect to hear more than promises to act at some indefinite time in the future. You need to come to this meeting with a plan that includes the thought, terms, and money needed to make a real difference right now. If you are not prepared to take these steps, there is no point in our meeting and I will proceed accordingly.

There is no denying that the rise in opioid abuse that has stricken our communities increased in tandem with the prescribing and distribution of opioids. There is also no denying that you were a direct beneficiary of that increase. What remains to be seen is your willingness to be a partner in finding, crafting, and funding a solution.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Very respectfully yours,

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President and Chief Executive Officer
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San Francisco, CA 94104

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