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February 23, 2018

Mr. Gene Dodaro
Comptroller General
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548

Attn: MedPAC Nominations

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

On behalf of the National Community Pharmacists Association (“NCPA”), I am writing to nominate Dr. Troy Trygstad, Pharm.D., PhD, M.B.A. for appointment to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (“MedPAC”). Dr. Trygstad would be an exceptional addition to MedPAC because he has extensive experience in innovative practice models, novel analytics, information exchange, and policy formation. Dr. Trygstad also has in depth experience in the Medicare space and a demonstrated passion in the coordinated care amongst all aspects of the Medicare program, including patient stays and nursing facilities. Please find attached the curriculum vitae for Dr. Trygstad.

NCPA represents America’s community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 22,000 independent community pharmacies. Together they represent an \$80 billion health care marketplace and employ more than 250,000 individuals on a full or part-time basis. Independent community pharmacies are also typically located in traditionally underserved rural and urban communities, providing critical access to residents of these communities.

Dr. Trygstad is currently the Vice President of Pharmacy and Provider Partnerships, for CCNC, Inc., a statewide network of more than 2,000 primary care practices and 14 care management and primary care provider support networks and more than 100 supporting pharmacists. He is also currently the Executive Director of CPESN USA, LLC, a nationwide clinically integrated network of more than 1,200 community pharmacies that are dedicated to improving their portfolio of medication optimization activities and patient care services. Through these positions, Dr. Trygstad has in-depth experience with the challenges patients, including those with Medicare coverage, face in the healthcare system, and seeks to utilize community pharmacy through the CCNC and CPESN networks as innovative ways to deal with these challenges.

Further, Dr. Trygstad would serve MedPAC as invaluable resource on competitive research and innovation efforts in healthcare, including in the Medicare space. To this end, Dr. Trygstad has successfully won awards for various projects including an award from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, which focused on optimizing the “medical neighborhood” through transforming care coordination. Dr. Trygstad also has experience with projects that help pharmacists engage in pharmaceutical care activities like medication therapy management through various innovation initiatives including the Multi-State Pharmacy Collaborative, the Pharmacy Home Project, and the Pharmacist Electronic Care Plan Working Group and Project.

Finally, MedPAC has consistently expressed concern about the rapid growth in drug prices and their impact on beneficiary access to needed medications in Medicare. Dr. Trygstad has extensively researched how pharmacy can play a role in healthcare payment models that lead to cost-savings, including focusing on patient adherence, payment reform as it relates to the practice of pharmacy, and pharmacists’ engagement in medical home practices. To this end, NCPA believes Dr. Trygstad possesses the extensive expertise in healthcare delivery systems required for MedPAC commissioner.

Dr. Trygstad holds a M.B.A. from Drake University College of Business and Public Administration; a Pharm.D. from Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; and Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy from the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

NCPA is pleased to recommend Dr. Trygstad for appointment based on his credentials and ability to make significant and valuable contributions as a MedPAC commissioner. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Douglas Hoey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "B." and last name "Hoey" clearly distinguishable.

B. Douglas Hoey RPh, MBA
CEO, National Community Pharmacists Association