

## MEDIA ADVISORY

**WHAT:** “The Security of the Drug Supply Chain, Patient Safety and the Importation of Prescription Drugs from Canada and Other Countries”

**WHO:** The [Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies](#) (ASOP Global), a non-profit organization dedicated to combatting illegal online pharmacies and counterfeit medicines to make the Internet safe for consumers worldwide

[The Pew Charitable Trusts](#), a non-partisan research and policy advocacy organization with a longstanding interest in drug safety issues, including the integrity of the U.S. supply chain

**WHERE:** Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Room 430

**WHEN:** Friday, April 28, 2017  
2:00 P.M.– 3:00 P.M. EST

**MODERATOR:** [Libby Baney, JD](#)  
Executive Director, ASOP Global and  
Principal, Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting

### SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

- [Elizabeth Jungman, JD, MPH](#), Director for Public Health Programs, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- [John Hertig, PharmD](#), Associate Director, Purdue Center for Medication Safety Advancement and Clinical Professor, Purdue College of Pharmacy
- [John Horton, JD](#), President and CEO, LegitScript
- [Ali Schroer, LCSW](#), a Colorado resident harmed by fake medicines she purchased through a “Canadian” online pharmacy.

In response to consumer concerns regarding the high cost of prescription drugs, policymakers are considering legislation that would legalize the purchase of prescription medicines from Canada and other countries, through traditional and online channels. It is unclear that imported prescription drugs can meet supply chain security requirements designed to protect patients from potentially unsafe drugs.

During the briefing experts will describe the issue of illegal online pharmacies, drug supply chain security protections currently provided by the Drug Supply Chain Security Act, risks associated with undermining those protections, and consequences for patients who are exposed to unsafe products.

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