

SUBJECT: Extension of the Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP) by the FDA

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REFERRED TO:

1 WHEREAS, the healthcare system faces a multitude of medication shortages and high
2 medication prices; and

3 WHEREAS, the FDA's Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP) has 34 years of data
4 supporting the extension of shelf life for over 122 medications by an average of 5.5
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, the FDA's program cost \$3.1 million annually to save the federal
7 government \$2.1 billion annually in medications that do not need discarded; and

8 WHEREAS, all hospital and retail pharmacies are held to the same environmental
9 control standards for the storage of medications that the federal government is
10 subjected to; and

11 WHEREAS, a significant increase in the availability of medications would occur if FDA
12 expanded the SLEP program to all civilian hospital and retail pharmacies; and

13 WHEREAS, the safe extension of expiration dating on medications would result in a
14 significant annual cost savings to the US healthcare system; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association petition the US Food and Drug
16 Administration (FDA) and the Congress of the United States for the expansion of the
17 Shelf Life Extension Program to all civilian hospital and retail pharmacies

ACTION TAKEN: _____

DATE: _____

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