



The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
109 State Street, Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Shumlin,

Thank you for your recent letter to AstraZeneca. We appreciate your leadership to ensure the appropriate use of opioids and provide access to treatment for those struggling with addiction. AstraZeneca does not manufacture an opioid, but we strongly share in the view that they should be used as intended.

AstraZeneca, along with Daiichi Sankyo and several leading patient organizations, know that opioid-induced constipation (OIC) is a medical condition many patients are experiencing, but often don't discuss, when taking opioids as prescribed by their doctor. We believe our message encourages a clinically important conversation about OIC between patients and their doctors, which may also facilitate a broader discussion about safe and appropriate opioid use. While these discussions are separate and distinct, both are important for patients and their families.

I hope this has provided additional context about our message and why AstraZeneca believes it is driving a valuable public conversation for patients.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Hudson".

Paul Hudson
President, AstraZeneca US and Executive Vice President, North America