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Feb 25, 2010

Ms. Carolyn Klein
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Dear Ms. Klein,

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I need someone to clarify what has been done in this regard, so I can make the 400 or more people attending our non-profit health fair in Bellflower on March 21 aware. Perhaps a piece of fresnel lens could be attached over the 9 or 10 point print on prescription lables. We already have data on how much the pharmacy industry has spent on seeing that health care changes are defeated. I assume that members of the California Board of Pharmacy are appointed by someone. Perhaps you can clarify some of these issues for me from your point of view. I wouldn't intentionally spread misinformation..

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Requiring a 12-point font on the most important parts of medication labels is a small step that will save lives. I urge the Board to return to its initial recommendation and vote for stronger prescription label standards for Californians.

Sincerely,

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Tessa
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To Carolyn Klein/Pharmacy/DCANotes@DCANotes
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 Subject Fw: Concerning Section 1707.5

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Julie Quach
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 03/10/2010 02:14 AM

To tessa_fraga@dca.ca.gov
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 Subject Concerning Section 1707.5

Dear Tessa,

I would like to add comments for the Proposal to Adopt New Section at Title 16 California Code of Regulations Section 1707.5. I have search everywhere for an email but was unable to find the right person to email this to. Can you please forward the note below to the proper persons. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
 Julie Quach

Different Languages

To the Board of Pharmacy,

As a current public health student and a future Pharmacy student at Touro University—California, I am concerned that the minimal change being made to prescription labels is not enough to help the public. I attended the board of pharmacy meeting regarding Section 1707.5 on February 17th with a common goal like the Gray Panthers—to advocate for the implementation of a 12 point Sans Serif font and to make directions on labels available in different languages.

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I would like to share a couple of experiences with the board. My parents are in their late-fifties and have to take about six different types of medication a day. It annoys me to see them squint in order to decipher what the directions say in small font, despite having their reading glasses on. I try my best to help them when I am around.

Another instance that I encountered last week was at the Vietnamese Senior Center in Oakland, California. Upon speaking to a middle-aged Vietnamese lady, she told me that she is unable to read her labels as well. Also, she occasionally goes out of her way to a small Vietnamese pharmacy to buy her medications that is labeled in Vietnamese. She told me that it is easier to not mix up her medications when she understands what it says.

I hope that these real life experiences show the board of pharmacy the importance of how little change can make a big difference for the community. I would love to be around more often to help my parents by explaining the regimen and uses, but they can be self-sufficient if the words are bigger. I also faced these issue at the pharmacy while working there as a pharmacy technician; elders share instances of under-dosing their medications because of the small print on the labels. Besides, I have noticed that labels of Target's medication bottles are available in a readable size. Implementing a standardized label of 12-point font will make it patient-centered. In addition, being multilingual, I can see the convenience of having the main dialects used available to cater the diversity of California.

Being at the meeting was an eye opener. After witnessing strong-willed people who care for the

public showed me the importance of what we are fighting for—a drastic change that will only help the public. As a future public health practitioner I would like to see little changes that would be appreciated in the community.

Sincerely,

Julie Quach

Master of Public Health, 2010 Candidate

Doctor of Pharmacy, 2014 Candidate

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Pharmacy Technician, State of California

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What is the upside of the smaller font?

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Individuals with low vision, including millions of senior citizens, must be able to access the labels on their prescription bottles in order to avoid pharmacological mistakes. These kinds of mistakes could cost lives. Please make prescription bottles accessible to ALL people.

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02/24/2010 10:06 PM

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Subject Comments of 1707.5

To the California State Board of Pharmacy regarding Section 1707.5 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations:

(a) (1) I am in favor of keeping the font at 12. As a senior citizen and pharmacist, I know this would be helpful for us. Thank you for your consideration. Horace Williams, 175 S. Madison Ave., #9, Pasadena, CA 91101. 626-793-3524

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The Board overturned their own recommendations by requiring only a 10-point font minimum. The Board's action at its February 17th meeting ignores the recommendations of experts and fails to protect patients from medication errors. These new regulations do not make prescription labels safe.

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, approximately one in three Americans have a vision-reducing eye disease by the age of 65. It is dangerous to force parents and grandparents to strain eyes reading their dosing instructions and other essential information.

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According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, approximately one in three Americans have a vision-reducing eye disease by the age of 65. It is too dangerous to force our parents and grandparents to strain to read their dosing instructions and other essential prescription information.

Requiring 12-point font on the most important parts of medication labels is a small but crucial step that will save lives. Elderly patients, and those with multiple medical conditions, taking multiple medications are especially at risk of error from being unable to read their pill containers. I urge the Board to return to its initial recommendation and vote for stronger prescription drug labeling standards..

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According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, approximately one in three Americans have a vision-reducing eye disease by the age of 65. It is too dangerous to force our parents and grandparents to strain to read their dosing instructions and other essential prescription information. There have been numerous serious accidents with medications, many of which were preventable, if the print on the bottle had been larger. We are now living in a country where the aging population is larger than the youthful one, and this fact should be accomodated. We are paying for it anyway, so make the print larger and save some lives!

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Sincerely,

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I personally had an experience once where I awoke with high blood pressure and took the wrong dosage of medication: there were two bottles, one with the much higher dose and one with the lower dose I was supposed to take if I had already taken the higher dose and it wasn't enough. I had taken the higher dose pill before going to bed, but woke up two hours later with a headache and very high blood pressure. The print labeling on the bottles was small, I was tired, and I have mild vision problems; I ended up taking the larger dose again by mistake, overdosed on the medication, and could have died because my blood pressure dropped way too low. Had I taken the correct pill, I would have had in my body the highest safe dose possible; instead, I had taken way over that amount.

I urge the California Board of Pharmacy to require pharmacies to use a minimum 12-point font for the most important information on medication labels, so that patients like myself can more easily read their prescriptions. I believe that if the font size had been larger on those two bottles of prescription medication, I never would have overdosed.

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS WITH A 12-POINT FONT. ISN'T YOUR MAIN PURPOSE TO HELP AND PROTECT THE USER? THE COST OF CHANGING THE FONT SIZE IS NEGLIGIBLE TO THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP (AS SHOWN IN YOUR OWN FINDINGS) TO THE FINAL USER.

WHY ARE YOU PROTECTING THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY INSTEAD OF DOING YOUR JOB AS A CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY? WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE GETTING

PAID FOR?

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Please make the font bigger for safety.

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Why are you making life more difficult for those who must use prescription drugs? For heaven sake, where is the humanity needed in what is already a difficult situation? Get with it!

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I appreciate your time and consideration.

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What the hell are you doing?

THIS IS GODDAMNED COMMON SENSE!

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS HAVE YOU SHOWN TO DO THE JOB YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN?

I AM TIRED OF YOU STUPID AND I MEAN STUPID REGULATORS TAKE GIANT COMPENSATION PACKAGES AND NOT DO YOUR JOB?

IN THE REAL WORLD IT IS CALLED THEFT! TAKING COMPANY ASSEST AND NOT DELIVERING ON YOUR JOB IS THEFT!

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO REMOVE ALL OF YOU FROM THIS BOARD?

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Subject Font Size for Medications

Dear Ms. Klein,

As I age, I am having more problems reading the important information on my medications. The size of the font needs to be larger than the 10pt. that is now authorized. Please reconsider and make it at least a 12 pt. Thank you,

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Mary Taylor, retired teacher, LAUSD



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Can you read your medicine labels? - I sure can't unless I put on special magnifying glasses that I was forced to buy just for this purpose!

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Please act on this now!

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Subject We need at least 12point fonts on prescription instructions and information and translated material for non-english readers

Pharmacy Board,

I am a retired person, 70 years of age, and have corrected vision and better than average health, etc. Yet, on my prescriptions I am still unable to read material at 10pts of type. Many prescription materials and informational materials are printed on round surfaces and the combination of small type and a un flat surface makes reading the information and instructions almost impossible. 12 point type would make a world of difference. Here starts 12 point as an example of the difference. While it might be argued that 10 point is good enough, it isn't. I have even had to read some material that came with prescriptions that had type face as small as this 8 point and it was pointless trying to read it.

Do the right thing and bring 12 point to the prescription bottle/container and make it so seniors like myself are able to read accurately and follow the instructions, understand the cautionary information, and protect and enhance our health. This is your responsibility to the people of the state.

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Thank you,

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Subject "Readable" Prescription Labels

Hello.

Prescription labels need to be "readable". Please keep the 12 point font size.

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It's bad enough that the "description inserts" are impossible to read... unless you have a home copy machine and copy the pages with a "zoom the size" 5 times larger than the company's print.

What, pray tell, is the rationale for smaller print?

Please share this serious concern with your department.

Thank You,

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