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Dear Jim:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your recent letter to Mr. Trexler and a copy of a proposed resolution. I recommend amendment of the draft of the resolution to replace the first five words with the single word "Provided." Thus, the resolution would read:

Provided that the policy of the American Pharmaceutical Association with regard to drug substitution laws would not remove from control of the physician the final decision as to the drug to be dispensed to the patient, we recommend that the Drug Research Board endorse this position and encourage the appropriate amendment of state laws accordingly.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Hugh H. Russey, MD

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cc: Mr. Trexler