

March 25, 2008

RE: Pharmaceutical Waste Reduction - *Green Pharmacy Program*

Dear Joel Kreisberg,

On behalf of Californians Against Waste (CAW), I extend my support of The Teleosis Institute's Green Pharmacy Program. CAW is an organization dedicated to conserving resources, preventing pollution, and protecting California's environment through the development, promotion, and implementation of waste reduction programs and policies. As such, we recognize the need for innovative programs that will effectively reduce the environmental impact of healthcare.

The Green Pharmacy Program is consistent with CAW's commitment to encourage the healthcare industry to take responsibility for protecting human and environmental health. The U.S. EPA considers the presence pharmaceuticals in the environment one of the most significant emerging threats of the 21st Century, and we commend Teleosis Institute for its leadership in developing a safe medicine program to combat this issue. Furthermore, CAW applauds the Teleosis Institute's efforts to create a program that embraces and educates multiple sectors, including doctors, pharmacists, and the general public.

With its pioneering programs, emphasis on education and wellness, and commitment to product stewardship in healthcare, the Teleosis Institute truly is a model for safe and sustainable healthcare. CAW therefore extends its endorsement to the Green Pharmacy Program, and the continued work of the Teleosis Institute.

Sincerely,

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