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The Honorable Kurt Schrader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

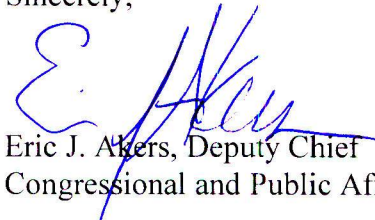
Dear Congressman Schrader:

Thank you for your October 12, 2012, letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). You inquired about the dispensing of controlled substances by veterinarians at a location other than the registered location – *i.e.*, when making "house calls" where the animals are located.

Please be advised that, subsequent to your letter, in a final order published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2012, DEA stated: "The CSA's registration requirement applies only to 'each *principal* place of . . . professional practice . . . where controlled substances are . . . dispensed by a person.' 21 CFR 1301.12(a) (emphasis added)." 77 FR 72387, 72388. Accordingly, a veterinarian, who is registered with DEA to dispense controlled substances at a particular location in a State, may travel to other unregistered locations in that same State to dispense controlled substances on an "as-needed and random basis," provided he/she does not maintain a principal place of professional practice at any of these other locations. *Id.*

Thank you for your inquiry. If we may be of further assistance to you in this or any other matter involving controlled substances, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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