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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year LSHP members! I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. If you're anything like me, bringing yourself back to the grind after a little time off is a big task!

ASHP just wrapped up their 50th Mid-Year meeting in New Orleans and our LSHP contingent put on a little show. I want to thank everyone who attended the meeting and especially those who worked very hard to exhibit a little southern hospitality. I particularly want to thank Monica Morgan, Jennifer Smith and Alexis Horace for their work to put together the best 2nd line any group of pharmacists could give. It was a success!

I want to take this time to remind you of two important bills in congress regarding the future of our profession. These bills, known as the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act, would establish recognition for pharmacists to be reimbursed for providing services under the state practice acts. The house bill is H.R. 592 and the senate bill is S. 314. Please contact your representatives on this matter.

The Health Resources and Services

Administration (HRSA) estimates there are 6,000 Health Professional Shortage Areas in the United States and in these areas there is a ratio of primary care physicians to patients of 1:3,500. It is expected by 2020, the United States will have 91,000 fewer physicians to meet the anticipated demand of a growing aging population. Pharmacists can help fill this gap as 90 percent of the population lives within 5 miles of a pharmacy. For more information see pharmacistscare.org.

Congratulations to the 2016 Louisiana delegates to ASHP House of Delegates:

- Jennifer Smith
- Scott Dantonio
- Gary Leblanc

Thank you,

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