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Today, October 5, 2012, the President of the United States signed into law H.R. 4223, the “SAFE DOSES Act,” which will modernize the U.S. criminal code to increase criminal penalties for medical product cargo theft and provide law enforcement tools in order to deter this criminal behavior and take down the offenders. Current federal criminal laws do not distinguish between stealing a load of insulin and stealing a truck full of radios – even though the potential harm is vastly greater when medical products are involved. Through this new law, higher possible sentences will not only make people think twice before acting, but also will provide law enforcement agencies with the tools they need to obtain cooperation in bringing down criminal organizations. The SAFE DOSES Act will apply well-proven law enforcement tools to go after the multi-dimensional enterprises carrying out these crimes and prevent the health risks created by the improper care and handling of sensitive medical products.

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