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Chairman Chuck Grassley
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Wyden:

On behalf of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), I am providing information in addition to that sent on 29 July 2019 in response to your letter dated 29 June 2019.

As I stated in my first letter, IASP is an international organization with members in 123 countries. IASP hosts educational programs and activities around the world, with the vast majority of our programs outside the United States. The enclosed report (attachment A) provides a detailed accounting of all payments/transfers received from 2012 to present from manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologicals or medical supplies and individuals that produce, market, or promote products on these entities' behalf.

I would like to provide additional information regarding our report for your consideration:

- **IASP Revenue:** IASP's World Congress on Pain is a major source of revenue for IASP. Because this event is biennial, IASP's annual revenue fluctuates considerably between even- and odd-numbered years.
- **Detail Reports by year:** IASP has provided detail reports from 2012 to present outlining each payment received by date, entity and payment description.
- **Summary Reports by year:** IASP has provided reports from 2012 to present that align with the detail report per year summarizing total annual payments by each entity. The summary reports provide both the total annual revenue and the percent of that revenue relative to IASP's total annual revenue. To calculate this percentage, we aligned the total annual revenue received with the fiscal year in which the revenue is recognized (consistent with our accounting practices). It is common to receive payments tied to the World Congress on Pain in the years before, during, and after the Congress. For the purposes of this report, we have summarized each payment by year and provided a column noting the year in which the revenue is recognized along with the percentage of revenue for the respective year. For example, a payment received in 2015 for an exhibit booth at the 2016 World Congress on Pain is reported in the year the payment was received (2015 detail and 2015 summary reports). We calculate the payment as a percentage of the 2016 revenue.

- **Payment Descriptions:** As noted above, we have provided a brief description related to each payment. Below, please find a summary of IASP's educational programs and services that have received the majority of funding since 2012:
 - IASP World Congress on Pain: The World Congress on Pain is IASP's largest event, a biennial meeting held in locations around the world (2012 in Milan, Italy; 2014 in Buenos Aires, Argentina; 2016 in Yokohama, Japan; and 2018 in Boston, USA).
 - Satellite meetings hosted by IASP Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in conjunction with the IASP World Congress. Some SIGs also host additional biennial meetings. The SIG on Pain in Childhood hosts the International Symposium for Pediatric Pain (ISPP), the Neuropathic Pain SIG (NeuPSIG) hosts the International Neuropathic Pain Congress, and the Abdominal and Pelvic Pain SIG hosted the World Congress on Abdominal and Pelvic Pain (WCAPP) in 2019. These meetings were in the following locations by year: 2013: ISPP in Stockholm, Sweden and NeuPSIG in Toronto, Canada; 2015: ISPP in Seattle, USA and NeuPSIG in Nice, France; 2017: ISPP in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and NeuPSIG in Gothenburg, Sweden; and 2019: ISPP in Basel, Switzerland, NeuPSIG in London, UK, and WCAPP in London.
 - Grants to support IASP educational programs and activities in various countries.
- **Registration Revenue:** IASP receives registration payments from individuals to attend meetings and events. Most of these payments are from clinicians and researchers in the field. Because registration payments are not tracked by company, IASP does not have a way to accurately report individual registration payments for the requested entities.

Once again, I would like to emphasize our rigorous standards for the receipt of funding from any external sources, including opioid manufacturers. IASP has strict procedures in place to ensure that funding from any source has no influence on IASP policy or the scientific content of our meetings, programs, and publications.

Sincerely,



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