In 2016, the Medical Society of the State of New York adopted the following policy regarding Medications Return Program that supports, “Daily access to safe, convenient, and environmentally sound medication return for unwanted prescription medications and that MSSNY support a medication disposal program be fully funded by the pharmaceutical manufacturers,
including costs for collection, transport and disposal of these materials as hazardous waste and that MSSNY support changes in New York State law or regulation that would allow a program for medication recycling and disposal to occur."

Consumers and caregivers should remove expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from their home as quickly as possible to help reduced the chance that others may accidentally take or intentionally misuse the unneeded medication. It is also important that these medications are disposed of in the safest manner possible. The Medical Society of the State of New York supports medication disposal to support daily access to safe, convenient, and environmentally sound medication return for unwanted prescriptions. For all the reasons above, the Medical Society of the State of New York supports this measure and urges its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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