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Dear Colleague:

The Drug Enforcement Administration has scheduled the 17th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day for April 27, 2019, for the disposal of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medicines. The previous take back days over the last eight years were overwhelmingly successful, and resulted in the anonymous collection and safe disposal of more than 5,400 tons of prescription drugs.

In spring 2018, nearly 11 percent of college students reported using prescription drugs not prescribed to them within the past year. The upcoming take back day is an opportunity for the entire campus community, including students, faculty, staff, and neighbors, to bring unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs to authorized collection sites for proper disposal.

The DEA, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators hope you will join us in this effort by encouraging your campus to participate in the upcoming National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Collection locations staffed by authorized law enforcement officials are planned from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at predetermined community sites. For those college and university police departments interested in sponsoring a take back location on their campus, please contact the DEA representative in your state through the following link: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/poc.htm.

For more information about National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, visit www.deatakeback.com. Thank you for your consideration of this important project. By working together, we help ensure the health and safety of our nation's college campuses and their surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

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