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Dear Heather,

We would like to thank the PMCPA for offering us the opportunity to comment on these two proposed amendments to clauses in the ABPI Code. Janet Davies, RCN Chief Executive and General Secretary, has requested that I as Head of Nursing Practice respond on this occasion. The RCN and our members are mindful of the importance of transparency and governance in our relationships with the industry as we work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our patients and the public.

The College are supportive of both amendment in this case as they relate to UK delegate attendance at overseas meetings, and with respect to the disclosure of aggregate data on transfers of value by companies.

We believe that both of these amendments are well constructed, in the interests of patients and the public and will provide greater transparency so maximising the potential for responsible partnership working between industry and healthcare professionals.

Thanks you again and we look forward to working with you in the future.

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