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Gay Dodson RPh
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Dear Ms Dodson:

NABP is aware that the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) will be discussing the Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ICPT) Examination for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) at the board meeting on November 18, 2008. To date, NABP has not received any information, from any source, to review the ExCPT and assess whether it meets the same standards as the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) administered by PTCB or is equivalent to the PTCE.

As you know, NABP adheres to recognized and valid psychometric standards in preparing the pharmacy licensure and certification examinations, NAPLEX, MPJE, and FPGEE. NABP conducted an equally rigorous psychometric audit of the PTCE in the fall of 2001 that determined that the PTCE is psychometrically sound, defensible, and valid. (This audit was conducted prior to any affiliation with PTCB.) Based upon the direction of the state boards of pharmacy, NABP is only allowed to recognize and support examinations that are psychometrically sound and have been demonstrated as such directly to NABP.

If the TSBP plans to conduct an independent audit of the ExCPT, or if the results of a previously conducted audit could be provided, NABP would be interested in evaluating the results as well. If the TSBP chooses to analyze the ExCPT through a comparison with the PTCE, NABP would appreciate an opportunity to discuss the results and conclusions prior to a final determination. Without additional relevant information or the NABP requested audit on the psychometric properties of the ExCPT, NABP cannot support the ExCPT nor can it recommend the exam be approved as a requirement for registration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director/Secretary

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