

September 13, 2021

The Honorable Frank Pallone Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone:

On behalf of America's consumers, patients, workers, taxpayers, and businesses, we applaud you for the reconciliation provisions to lower drug prices for some 240 million Americans who get their health coverage through Medicare, group plans and the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

We cannot falter at this critical moment to finally end the anticompetitive behaviors and pricing that make drugs unaffordable and out of reach for millions of Americans.

It is imperative we ensure workers who get their health coverage through their jobs or other private insurance can access negotiated drug prices and are protected from price spikes above the rate of inflation. The drug pricing reforms you have included in your reconciliation provisions will lower costs for Medicare beneficiaries while also preventing drug companies from shifting costs to people with private insurance.

We are committed to working with you to ensure that this sensible approach to addressing drug prices for all patients survives the reconciliation process and is enacted into law.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO
AFSCME
Alliance for Retired Americans
American Federation of Teachers
American Medical Student Association
Association of Flight Attendants - CWA
Boilermakers National Fund
California Schools VEBA
Center for Popular Democracy
Communications Workers of America
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
Consumer Action
Culinary Union
Doctors for America
Families USA
Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value
Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health

International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America
(UAW)
Kansas Business Group on Health
Laborer's International Union of North America
LIUNA
Lower Drug Prices Now
Medicare Rights Center
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National CooperativeRx
National Education Association
National Indian Council on Aging, Inc.
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Nurses United
New Jersey Citizen Action
Patients for Affordable Drugs Now
Protect Our Care
Public Citizen
Purchaser Business Group on Health
Silicon Valley Employers Forum
Small Business Association of Michigan
U.S. PIRG
UNITE HERE HEALTH
United Mine Workers of America
Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut
Voices for Progress
Working America

cc: The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States
The Honorable Charles Schumer, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Ron Wyden, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Mike Crapo, Ranking Member, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair, Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions
Committee
The Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member, Senate Health Education Labor
and Pensions Committee
The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member, House Energy and
Commerce Committee
The Honorable Richard Neal, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Kevin Brady, Ranking Member, House Ways and Means
Committee
The Honorable Bobby Scott, Chair, House Education and Labor Committee
The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Ranking Member, House Education and Labor
Committee