



September 25, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the 131,400 members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), I am writing to support the *Know the Lowest Price Act of 2018* (S. 2553) and to commend Congressional efforts to advance a bipartisan bill to reduce consumers' out-of-pocket drug spending.

Access to affordable pharmaceuticals is a serious and growing concern among America's family physicians. One third of the average family physician's patient panel consists of Medicare patients who have multiple chronic health conditions that require various pharmaceutical products to manage. These patients' health and well-being depends on adherence to treatment regimens, which is becoming more difficult due to the escalating costs of prescription drugs.

We believe that S. 2553 is a positive first step with important potential to lower out-of-pocket costs. As a medical society that advocates for both our physician members and patients, the AAFP stands ready to work with Congress on drug pricing policies, particularly those proposals to increase access to generic drugs and promote greater transparency.

We appreciate the bipartisan work of the Congress on this important legislation. For more information, please use 202-232-9033 or sclay@aafp.org to reach Sonya Clay, Government Relations Representative.

Sincerely,

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