

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

We write to express our strong, bipartisan support for the 340B drug discount program, a law that provides access to health care services in our communities by reducing pharmaceutical costs for hundreds of hospitals serving our most vulnerable constituents.

As supporters of the program, we encourage the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Congress to provide responsible and balanced regulatory and legislative oversight of the program. We know the 340B program allows hundreds of hospitals and other safety net providers across the country to do more with less – to expand community-based services to serve our most vulnerable. Thanks to 340B, our hospitals are able to expand services, increase the number of patients they serve, and offset losses from uncompensated care – all because of the 340B program. It is important for Congress and HRSA to strike an appropriate balance when overseeing the administration of this program.

As such, we hope the Committees will work with us should they consider any proposed changes to the 340B program that would impact our hospitals' ability to serve those in need by reducing prescription drug costs for vulnerable patients.

Sincerely,

Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

Kathy Castor
Member of Congress

Kristi Noem
Member of Congress