

# **Prescription Importation Update**

Safe and Affordable. Now.

## Survey Response Needed; Califf FDA Pick; Rural Pharmacies Disappearing

#### We Need Your Survey Response

Please take the <u>Campaign for Personal</u> <u>Prescription Importation Annual Survey!</u>

Congress and government leaders need to know the truth about safe and affordable personal prescription importation so that they



can take action to expand access. The survey takes only a moment of your time.

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## <u>CPPI Calls on Califf to Deliver Safe and Affordable Imported Medicines for Americans</u>

Dr. Robert Califf has been nominated to lead the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At the FDA, Califf could play a major role in delivering Americans access to lower prescription drugs costs.

"We hope that Dr. Califf's past ties to pharmaceutical companies do not cloud fair consideration of allowing importation of safe and



affordable medicines from licensed Canadian pharmacies. Americans should not have to choose between putting food on their tables and affording their life-saving medicines. CPPI strongly encourages Dr. Califf to support importation of prescription drugs for personal use."

Nearly 80 percent of the public say it should be legal for Americans to purchase drugs from Canada according to a recent <a href="POLITICO/Harvard survey">POLITICO/Harvard survey</a>. <a href="Read More">Read More</a>

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## While Rural Pharmacies Close, Americans Find Savings at Online Canadian Pharmacies

Local pharmacies, once widespread in large cities and rural communities alike, are disappearing from many areas of the country, leaving an estimated 41 million Americans in what are known as drugstore deserts, without easy access to pharmacies,



reports the Washington Post. Rising prices and increasing hurdles to brick and mortar pharmacy access have millions of Americans wisely turning to personal prescription importation.

To save money and ensure delivery directly to their door, millions of well-informed Americans are turning to prescription importation. Americans importing prescription drugs from online Canadian pharmacies save an average of \$228 a month (\$2,736 a year) on medication from online Canadian pharmacies. Read More

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#### In Case You Missed It:

#### Will The Build Back Better Legislation Solve High Rx Prices?

The Build Back Better legislative package includes important but limited steps to lower prescription drug costs. Americans still need access to safe and affordable medicine that only expanded personal prescription importation from Canada offers. Read More

## What Do 2021 Off-Year Election Results Mean for Drug Prices?

Were the 2021 state elections in Virginia and New Jersey a referendum on Democrats' delays in passing key promises, like lowering prescription drug costs? Political impasse on solutions to lower drug prices has many Americans angry enough to vote. Read More

#### U.S. Respiratory Health Costs Rising

Nearly 37 million Americans suffer from respiratory illnesses says the American Lung Association. Cases of the most common respiratory diseases in America could be higher according to U.S. Health and Human Services data and are on the rise. Read More

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#### Take Action - Write to Congress or Submit Op-Eds to Your Local Paper

We need your help. All eyes are on Congress to legislate the solution to rising prescription drug costs. A multitude of proposals have been floated, but only two bills directly support personal prescription drug importation from Canada. The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2021 (S.259, H.R.832) and The Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act of 2021 (S.920, H.R. 2181) would expand support for prescription importation and fully codify individuals rights to safely import prescription drugs from Canada.



Join the cause, <u>share your testimony</u>, contact congress, or submit an op-ed to your local newspaper. Now is the time to take action to ensure American patients have access to affordable prescription drugs.

#### Take Action To Support Passage of RxImportation Legislation

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#### What is Your Experience? We Need Your Voice

We need your help. Providing a testimonial of your experience and the savings you have found by personally importing your prescription drugs from a Canadian pharmacy, takes only moments and can help tremendously. It only takes a moment. <u>Submit your testimonial and/or read others</u>.

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#### 5 Quick Ways You Can Take Action:

- 1. Sign up to receive CPPI communications <u>HERE</u>
- 2. Share your story to help inform decision makers on the real impact of high drug prices HERE
- 3. Join our Action Committee and get more involved by emailing us at info@personalimportation.org
- 4. Let Congress know how this issue impacts you HERE
- 5. Follow us on Twitter & Facebook so you can see the latest news on this important issue

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#### **About the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation**

CPPI is a national nonprofit patient advocacy organization that fights for Americans' access to safe, affordable prescription medications from Canada for personal use. Tens of millions of Americans – especially the elderly and others on fixed incomes – struggle to pay the extremely high price of prescription medications in the U.S. We are here to be their voice.

Millions of Americans use licensed Canadian pharmacies annually, to purchase their daily prescription medications at an affordable price. We believe that all Americans have a right to affordable medications. It is time to change the current U.S. policy on this issue to provide immediate access to life-saving medications, taken daily for chronic health conditions, at affordable prices.

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