

### **Prescription Importation Update**

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# CPPI E-Update - Biden Call for Rx Price Action, July Rx Price Increases, New Poll: 80% of Americans Back Canadian Importation

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### FDA Budget Proposal Could Increase Funding for Medication Seizures

On Thursday, June 10, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations held a Subcommittee hearing on the newly published U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) FY 22 Budget Justification, which includes a proposed increase in the tax dollars used to delay and deny patients' their imported medications.

"Congress and the Biden Administration should not levy American taxpayer dollars to further restrict American patients' access to critical life-saving prescription



medications," says Jack Pfeiffer Executive Director of the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation. "Bad actors can be cracked down on for fraud and dangerous practices without stripping patients of the legitimate prescription drugs they depend upon."

Read more for <u>Steps Patients Can Take If They Believe FDA Wrongfully Seized Their</u> <u>Medication</u>

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## HHS Files to Dismiss Wholesale Importation Case Brought by BigPharma

Health and Human Services motion to dismiss Case No. 1:20-cv-03402-TJK, regarding a lawsuit filed by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), against the Health and Human Services Secretary Certification and Regulatory Rule on wholesale prescription drug importation.



"BigPharma has once again proven that they will

stop at nothing to squeeze profits from American patients, and their case against prescription importation exemplifies why further Congressional action is needed to solidify Americans' right to access affordable prescription drugs," says Jack Pfeiffer, Executive Director of the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation.

**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 ensuring American patient access to affordable prescription drugs.

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

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# New National Studies Demonstrate Just How Drastically Drug Prices Are Rising & the Lethal Consequences

Brand-name drug prices are outpacing the general inflation rate. Some years, it's double digits, according to a study by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

In the past decade, the AARP study shows that the general inflation rates ranged from 0.1% up to 3.1%. But brand-name drugs, those price increases ranged from 2.9% up to 13.8%. In 2020, it was more than double the general inflation rate.

Another new study by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) published this year demonstrates how even small increases in cost cause patients to reduce their use of drugs with major benefits, ultimately causing their death. The researchers used data on prescription drug cost-sharing and utilization among Medicare Part D beneficiaries who enroll in the year they turn 65 to estimate the impact of cost-sharing on mortality. The





authors estimate that a mere \$10.40 increase in coinsurance led to a 32.7 percent increase in monthly mortality (measured in December).

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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 <u>HERE</u>
- 3. Join our Action Committee and get more involved by emailing us at <a href="mailto:info@personalimportation.org">info@personalimportation.org</a>
- 4. Let Congress know how this issue impacts you HERE
- 5. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> & <u>Facebook</u> so you can see the latest news on this important issue

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

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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