

# **Prescription Importation Update**

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### Take Action Against The Bill Threating Your Prescription Importation



# Big Pharma's DRUGS Act will eliminate your access to affordable drugs from licensed Canadian and international pharmacies!

Please Take Action Now, Right Here Tell Congress No to the DRUGS Act

The bill, called the DRUGS Act, was introduced into the US Senate by Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and in the House by Representatives David McKinley (R-WV) and Bobby Rush (D-IL) in late December. The DRUGS Act will censor and remove from the internet highly credentialed non-US online pharmacies. This would rob you and millions of Americans of daily medications that keep them healthy and alive. Worse yet, the legislation is backed by Big Pharma front groups.

If this bill passes, the medications and savings that you get through online international pharmacies will no longer be accessible to you and millions of other Americans.

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Nearly 20,000 letters have been sent to tell Congress #NoDRUGSAct.

Thousands like you have written to their Senators and members of Congress demanding that the DRUGS Act be stopped. Take 90 seconds with this tool that will automatically send your

objection to your Senators and member of Congress and stop this terrible law from being passed.

<u>Testimonials Supporting Personal Importation</u> are another critical tool for educating Congress and fighting the DRUGS Act.



The Big Pharma special interests supporting the DRUGS Act <u>claim</u> that the bill would address illegal sales of opioids online; however, the bill fails to even mention the words opioids or fentanyl. Instead, the bill targets 'non-domestic' pharmacies - international pharmacies that <u>millions of Americans</u> depend on for safe and affordable drugs. If enacted, the bill will terminate access to the websites that millions have used to access their safe meds. Dead links and warning messages from U.S authorities will replace web access to trusted online international pharmacies.

The Big Pharma groups backing the DRUGS Act habitually and shamelessly exploit the opioid crisis to attack prescription importation. What is most appalling, one endorser took \$1 million from Purdue Pharma, the maker of the highly addictive opioid painkiller OxyContin. We need your help to stop them.

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<u>Contact Your Local Media</u>. Americans like you, who rely on licensed international pharmacies are writing Op-Eds and Letters to the Editors of their local newspapers to express their outrage

at the DRUGS Act. They are sharing their personal stories and helping to educate other Americans across the country about the dire consequences that the DRUGS Act will have on the millions who depend on personal prescription importation to afford medications.



The Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation has been busy raising alarms against the DRUGS Act and the terrible impact it will have on Americans who need access to affordable prescription drugs now more than ever.

- Grand Forks Herald Letter: Klobuchar flip-flops on affordable meds
- KNSI 99.3FM Radio Interviews CPPI on Klobuchar's DRUGS Act Impacts on Elderly
- Rubio-Klobuchar Bill to Deny Seniors Daily Medications Backed By PhRMA

Join the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation in fighting against the DRUGS Act, which would shut down the online access to the daily medicines on which you depend.

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

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



5. Follow us on Twitter & Facebook so you can see the latest news on this important issue

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#### In Case You Missed It:

#### Price of More Than 800 Brand-Name Drugs Increase At Start Of 2022

In all, about 150 drugmakers raised prices on 866 products in the U.S. through Jan. 20. (<u>View and search "January Drug Price Increases"</u>). The drug price increases impacted critical medications to fight cancer, diabetes, and other life-threatening illnesses, as well as maintenance medications for underlying conditions that impact millions of Americans.

#### <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) and could play a major role in delivering Americans access to lower prescription drugs costs. We hope that Dr. Califf's past <u>ties to pharmaceutical companies</u> do not cloud fair consideration of allowing importation of safe and affordable medicines from Canada. Read More

#### 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. Read More

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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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