



## High Drug Prices Letters to the Editor

(Date)

Dear Editor:

Americans pay the highest prescription drug prices in the world and seniors bear the brunt of those costs. Meanwhile the Trump Administration is pushing for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), or NAFTA 2.0, which will make prescription drug prices even higher.

Today corporations that make many of the best-selling brand-name drugs have a complete monopoly. The USMCA as written will make the monopolies even stronger in all three countries by preventing generic versions of these drugs from entering the market for a decade or longer. This is crazy. We should be increasing competition, not stifling it.

Big Pharma needs a wake-up call, and fast. Capitol Hill lawmakers must insist that the Administration change the drug provisions in this trade agreement before passage. Seniors and millions of other Americans don't have time to wait.

Sincerely yours,

(Your Name)

(Your Address)



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Dear Editor:

Americans already pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs and the costs keep going up.

Too many older Americans are skipping doses or rationing their drugs to make a prescription last longer, putting their health at risk. Others are going to Canada to get insulin and other drugs at a fraction of the price in the United States.

We need to make it easier for generic alternatives to enter the market, which would save consumers billions a year. We also need to allow Medicare to use its bargaining power to negotiate better prices with the drug corporations.

Pharmaceutical executives typically say that these exorbitant prices are a result of rigorous research and development. In fact, for every dollar that these corporations spend on research, \$19 is spent on advertising.

CEOs of these companies rake in millions, and older Americans are footing the bill.

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Dear Editor:

Drug prices are at an all-time high, jeopardizing the retirement security of millions of seniors like me.

You would think that Congress would realize that Americans are paying the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs, and would be doing more to pressure pharmaceutical corporations. After all they said it all the time on the campaign trail.

Medications in other countries are much more affordable, so we know there are solutions. One good idea is to allow Medicare to negotiate better prices, saving both seniors and the American taxpayers billions of dollars each year.

Congress must do their job and act quickly to lower drug prices. If they don't, seniors and countless others will be left without options to pay for the medications they so desperately need.

Sincerely yours,

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