

# PATIENTS FOR AFFORDABLE DRUGS NOW™

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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

As a cancer patient and founder of Patients For Affordable Drugs Now, I hear from patients every day who are cutting their pills in half and skipping meals to afford their drugs. We are the only national patient organization focused exclusively on policies to lower drug prices. We are bipartisan and independent. We don't accept funding from any organizations that profit from the development or distribution of prescription drugs. We are pleased to work with patient advocates in Oregon in support of legislation to lower drug prices.

We are grateful for the passage of the Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act (HB 4005) in 2018 as a first step toward lower drug prices for Oregonians. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for the legislation and encourage the inclusion of a few provisions in the implemented version of HB 4005.

In order to ensure the bill is effective at providing the transparency into drug prices as intended, it is important that the current definition of "Net Yearly Increase" in the draft version is maintained. Additionally, we urge you to maintain a robust review process to analyze protected information such as manufacturer "trade secrets" weighed against the public interest in having access to the information. Lastly, we believe maintaining the reporting requirements for manufacturer-sponsored and independently operated patient assistance programs is vital to provide true transparency into drug pricing practices.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of patients and consumers. We look forward to supporting the legislature to effectively implement HB 4005.

Sincerely,

David Mitchell  
President, Founder  
Patients For Affordable Drugs Now