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PHARMACISTS UNITED FOR TRUTH AND TRANSPARENCY ENDORSES PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PLAN FOR DRUG PRICING REFORM AND PROMISE TO "PUT AMERICAN PATIENTS FIRST"

Pharmacists United for Truth and Transparency (PUTT) welcomes and enthusiastically endorses President Trump's plan for prescription drug pricing reform. PUTT thanks the Trump Administration for its exhaustive efforts to create the most comprehensive and aggressive plan to reform the system that has led to "outsized profits" for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and other organizations that have quietly profited from the complexity and lack of transparency in the pharmaceutical care system. PUTT applauds Mr. Trump for his stand for fairness for the American patient.

Promising "sweeping actions" that will encompass drug makers, distributors, insurance companies and the hidden pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) middlemen, Mr. Trump's promise to immediately end what have become commonplace practices - including the use of gag clauses that prevent pharmacists from disclosing lower-cost options to patients and PBM "double-dealing" by negotiating for, and then keeping, manufacturer rebates instead of passing them on to plan patients and sponsors - will provide much-needed relief for patients, taxpayers and healthcare providers who suffer at the hands of these and other PBM anticompetitive practices.

Citing the "perverse" incentives the current system provides to keep prices in place, Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar promises to reverse the incentives, correctly noting that the system is built for increased and high prices while Mr. Trump's plan will reverse the incentives, leading to affordable medications for all Americans, but especially for senior citizens and the nation's most vulnerable populations. PUTT thanks Secretary Azar for his understanding of the system and willingness to take the necessary steps to direct incentives in the direction of those who need it most while keeping competition and the spirit of American enterprise in tact.

PUTT and its members look forward to participating in these reforms and restoring the right of quality, affordable care to patients at *our pharmacy counters*.

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