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Dear Representative:

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to oppose the inclusion of the socialist drug pricing scheme, H.R. 3, into the Democrats' partisan budget reconciliation package. Imposing misguided price controls on life-saving medication will stymie the innovation of new treatments and increase the scarcity of already-existing drugs.

Democrats are already pushing Sen. Bernie Sanders' (I-Vt.) massive \$3.5 trillion budget through a completely partisan reconciliation process. Despite the package already being full of left-wing priorities such as free community college and "environmental justice" initiatives, they are bent on incorporating a socialist drug pricing scheme into their already disastrous budget.

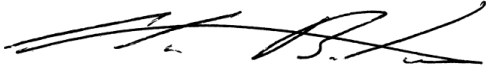
H.R. 3 would implement a government price-fixing scheme based on drug prices in foreign nations. Under this Democrat plan, drug prices would be capped at 120 percent of prices in a basket of six nations. Not only would this be a tacit admission that command-and-control, single-payer systems are somehow more effective, it would begin the process of importing the same inefficiencies of those systems to the U.S. We cannot afford drug shortages, longer wait times, and less innovation.

It is foolish to think that we can seek to copy the prices of other nations and not take on any of the risks or downfalls associated with them. The consequences are quite literally fatal for so many American families. Prices are a signal of what something is worth. Merely dictating that prices be different is a counterproductive and ineffectual solution.

As it already stands, Sanders' radical budget resolution will pay \$373 billion just to service the net interest on the national debt in FY 2022 -- and over \$1 trillion for this purpose by FY 2031. The last thing this already irresponsible legislation needs is a socialist overhaul of our healthcare.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose H.R. 3's inclusion into the Democrats' budget reconciliation package.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Brandon
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