



August 20, 2020

Dear Pennsylvania Members of Congress,

President Trump's recent executive order establishing a "Most Favored Nation" pricing model aims to impose severe price controls over the domestic healthcare industry, effectively allowing foreign nations to dictate American drug prices. This order would be devastating to one of the biopharmaceutical industry's most important contributions – innovation.

By imposing top-down mandates like foreign-based price controls, the federal government would limit biopharmaceutical companies' ability to invest in the research and development of new, innovative treatments and cures. Given the continued presence of COVID-19, this outcome is clearly unacceptable. America's biopharmaceutical companies are working at a break-neck pace to develop a safe and effective vaccine for COVID-19.

At the same time, this executive order would also threaten thousands of American jobs – both direct company jobs and throughout the supply chain. This is an immense concern since the industry directly accounts for more than 811,000 jobs in the United States and supports a total of 4 million jobs.

Consequently, **we thoroughly oppose the proposed drug pricing executive order and strongly encourage President Trump to abandon this approach.** By imposing artificial foreign price controls, the executive order undermines pharmaceutical companies' capacity to invest in new, innovative solutions that patients need now. If President Trump wishes to effectively combat the COVID-19 infection and prepare for future pandemics, it will abandon this harmful policy.

Together with our partners listed below, we urge you to think about the patients who depend on life-saving medicines and treatments and those who would be most affected by policies that thwart medical innovation.

Sincerely,

We Work for Health Pennsylvania and our partners:

Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance
Action Wellness
Community Liver Alliance
Consortium Of Multiple Sclerosis Centers
Epilepsy Association Western and Central PA
Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania
International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses
Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania

Life Sciences Pennsylvania
Lung Transplant Foundation
Mental Health Association in Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation
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- Congresswoman Susan Wild
- Congressman Matt Cartwright
- Congressman Dan Meuser
- Congressman Scott Perry
- Congressman Lloyd Smucker
- Congressman Fred Keller
- Congressman John Joyce
- Congressman Guy Reschenthaler
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- Congressman Mike Kelly
- Congressman Connor Lamb
- Congressman Mike Doyle
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- Office of the Chief of Staff
- Domestic Policy Council
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- Office of American Innovation
- Office of Public Liaison
- Office of Legislative Affairs
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