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**From:** Bob O <bob9910@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Subject:** Written testimony in support of House Bills 7042, 7443, and 7444

Chairwoman Donovan and members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Bob O'Neil and I am writing to you today in support of three bills that I believe would lower the cost of prescription drugs for all Rhode Islanders. The bills that I support are House Bill 7042, House Bill 7443, and House Bill 7444. I support these bills because...

1. High prescription drug costs force people to choose between life-saving drugs and other essentials.
2. One in five older adults report having to forgo filling their prescriptions or skipping doses to save money on their medications.
3. Many people are struggling to afford everything from groceries to gas while big drug companies are still charging Americans three times more for prescription drugs than in other countries.
4. Wholesale prescription drug importation makes medication affordable and accessible to all Rhode Islanders.
5. Wholesale prescription drug importation allows both the state and consumers to save money.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please pass all three of these bills for the benefit of all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

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