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HOUSE BILL No. 5913

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRESERVING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE DRUGS

Dear Chairman Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to you today in support of House Bill No. 5913, which would address an anticompetitive practice sometimes referred to as a “pay-for-delay” agreement.

A “Pay-for-delay” agreement is an arrangement between a brand name drug manufacturer and a competing generic drug manufacturer in which the generic drug manufacturer agrees to delay entry into the market of its generic drug in exchange for something of value from the brand name drug manufacturer, such as money or a promise of limited legal action.

High prescription drug prices are deeply personal for seniors and their families and impact their day-to-day life. One in five older adults report having to forego filling their prescription or skipping doses to save money on their medications. People shouldn’t have to choose between buying the medicine they need and paying for food or rent. Medication doesn’t work if you can’t afford it.

“Pay-for-delay” practices delay the entry of generic drugs to the market, increase costs, and ultimately force consumers to pay more for the medication they need to stay alive and healthy.

I ask you today to vote in favor of House Bill No. 5913, because there is no reason why Americans should continue paying the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs – three times what other nations pay for the same drugs. Thank you for your consideration.

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