

SB 2384 Prescription Drug Reference rate pricing

Chairwoman Murray and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

This is Daniel Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing in support of the captioned bill.

We've been talking about the unfair prices that people in Rhode Island and across the rest of the United States have been paying for years. While some changes have been made at the Federal level, the implementation period to phase in more reasonable costs is too long.

These high costs result in people either doing without their prescriptions or skipping doses or not paying their rent. This should not be happening just so drug companies can make a larger profit in America than they do in other countries.

This bill would require drug companies to sell their products in Rhode Island at no more than they do for other groups, like Canada or Medicare.

We need to take action now, to help seniors and others in our state to get proper treatment.

Daniel Liparini