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Subject: Senate Bill #2384

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

I write to you in **support** of SB #2384 which prohibits the State, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.

High prescription drug prices impact the lives of older adults and their families impacting their day-to-day life with one in five having to forgo filling their prescriptions or skipping doses to save money on their medications. This can affect the health of many Rhode Islanders as they age because medications do not work if you can't afford them.

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. Let's do what we can to fix this by enacting legislation to help reduce these costs for prescription drugs in Rhode Island.

I urge your support for SB #2384.

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