

SB 2387 Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program

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 for the same reasons I have cited in support of SB 2384 to address reference rate pricing.

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 authorize Rhode Island to seek federal approval to import Prescription drugs on a wholesale basis from Canada. Our state could then require that these savings be passed on to our residents to help them afford their medications.

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

Daniel Liparini