

May 24, 2021

Dear Georgia Congressional Delegation:

We've enjoyed our relationship with you over the years to ensure that patients are protected and have access to quality healthcare. We know that you keep patients at the forefront in many of your decisions. However, today we're writing to voice our concerns about H.R. 3, a proposal that would restrict access to medication for patients and in particular, Medicare beneficiaries.

H.R. 3 would tie American drug prices for 250 medicines to six foreign countries as an attempt to lower drug prices. These countries, though, have much less access to innovative medicines, and it is all but a guarantee that the same thing will happen here as well. In fact, the medicine that cured President Jimmy Carter in 2015 was *just* made available to patients in Europe in January of this year. If he hadn't lived in this country, he would not have been able to access this medicine.

Many of the patients that we represent rely on a treatment regimen to manage their medical conditions. And some of the patients have no treatments available for their disease – their hope depends on future innovation. However, H.R. 3 would inhibit future innovation because it removes incentives for innovation. It's hard to imagine but with a proposal like this in place, we likely wouldn't be celebrating COVID-19 vaccines. Similarly, promising new drugs are on the horizon to treat ALS, cancer and Alzheimer's, but patient access to them will be threatened with the passage of H.R. 3.

We implore you to oppose H.R. 3 and protect patients' access to life-saving medications.

Thank you,

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Diabetes Community Action Coalition
Georgia AIDS Coalition
Georgia Society of Rheumatology
LACES – Lupus Support Groups
Metro Atlanta Rheumatology Society
My Three Sicklers Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc.
Redmoon Project
Ruby A. Neeson Diabetes Awareness Foundation, Inc.
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