

The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs For All Marylanders Now Act / HB 340
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House Health and Government Operations Committee
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Dear Honorable Chair Peña-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Michael Walsh, and I'm a resident of Anne Arundel County. I am writing today in support of House Bill 340 - The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs For All Marylanders Now Act.

Prescription drugs don't work if you can't afford them. We are all hurt by the high cost of prescription drugs. These skyrocketing costs place considerable burdens on our communities, and unfortunately the problem is only getting worse as drug corporations increase prices for some drugs by more than five times the inflation rate as recently as July 2023. As these costs continue to soar, many Marylanders will continue to be faced with difficult decisions between paying for their life saving medications or other necessities. That is a decision I hope one day truly nobody has to make in their life.

I hope you will support this critical legislation and urge your colleagues in the House to do the same. I respectfully urge this committee to fight for all of Maryland's people by issuing a favorable report with NO weakening amendments on HB 340.

Sincerely,

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