

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.181

Reps. Garrett, Brixie, Hood, Kennedy, Chirkun, Stone, Rabhi, Lasinski, Sowerby, Liberati, Cherry, Haadsma, Ellison, Garza, Tyrone Carter, Bolden, Hoadley, Sabo, Pohutsky, Robinson, Pagan, Manoogian, Kuppa, Brenda Carter, Hertel, Gay-Dagnogo, Cynthia Johnson, Hope, Wittenberg, Shannon, Clemente and Love offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to
2 address the current shortage of critical, lifesaving drugs.

3 Whereas, Drug shortages have a devastating impact on patient
4 care and public health by limiting access to vital drugs and
5 increasing health care costs; and

6 Whereas, U.S. healthcare providers experienced 186 new drug
7 shortages in 2018, a 27 percent increase from 2017, and the highest
8 number of shortages in the previous five years. In the first half



1 of 2019 alone, there were 282 drugs in active shortage in the
2 United States; and

3 Whereas, Shortages in medicines have plagued the United States
4 for many years. These include intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG), a
5 drug used to treat immune disorders; intravenous sodium
6 bicarbonate, an inexpensive drug often used in critical care; the
7 EpiPen injection for allergic reactions, and other important drugs;
8 and

9 Whereas, A survey conducted by the Institute for Safe
10 Medication Practices showed that most healthcare providers feel
11 patient lives are often endangered because they cannot administer
12 needed drugs or provide proper treatment due to drug shortages,
13 forcing them to ration and conserve drugs and prioritize which
14 patients receive available drugs first; and

15 Whereas, Drug shortages have led to adverse patient events
16 including mortality, treatment changes, inferior treatment, and
17 medication errors, which occur because the right drug is not
18 available or because of dosing errors in the preparation or
19 administration of alternative medications; and

20 Whereas, Drug shortages increase patient out-of-pocket
21 expenses, and cost hospitals and health facilities at least \$359
22 million per year in labor costs alone as they employ mitigation
23 strategies; and

24 Whereas, Efforts by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to
25 prevent and mitigate drug shortages have been insufficient. Despite
26 the enactment of federal legislation in 2012 expanding the FDA's
27 regulatory authority to address drug shortages, new and active
28 shortages have reached their highest levels in almost five years;
29 and



1 Whereas, It is crucial that the FDA expand its efforts to
2 solve this public health crisis by working proactively with
3 manufacturers and other stakeholders to prevent and mitigate drug
4 shortages; now, therefore, be it

5 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
6 U.S. Food and Drug Administration to address the current shortage
7 of critical, lifesaving drugs; and be it further

8 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
9 Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the
10 members of the Michigan congressional delegation.