

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.182

Reps. Hoadley, Brixie, Hood, Kennedy, Chirkun, Stone, Rabhi, Sowerby, Liberati, Cherry, Ellison, Haadsma, Garza, Garrett, Tyrone Carter, Bolden, 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 Congress of the United States to
2 enact legislation allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug
3 prices.

4 Whereas, Many Michigan residents and people across the United
5 States struggle to afford the high cost of prescription drugs.
6 Older adults are particularly affected by this issue, with nearly 9
7 out of 10 adults over the age of 65 taking at least one
8 prescription drug and more than half taking four or more



1 prescription drugs. Approximately 76 percent of older adults think
2 prescription drug costs are unreasonable; and

3 Whereas, Federal laws currently prohibit the U.S. Secretary of
4 Health and Human Services from interfering in negotiations between
5 drug manufacturers and pharmacies and prescription drug plan
6 sponsors under Medicare, the federal health insurance program for
7 older Americans. Federal law also prohibits the Secretary from
8 requiring a formula or price structure for prescription drugs
9 reimbursed under Medicare Part D. Under the existing structure,
10 private health insurers negotiate pricing directly with drug
11 companies; and

12 Whereas, According to recent polls, 80 percent of the public
13 demonstrate strong, bipartisan support for allowing the federal
14 government to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for Medicare
15 beneficiaries; and

16 Whereas, To address high prescription drug prices, the U.S.
17 Congress is considering various proposals to allow the federal
18 government to negotiate Medicare prescription drug prices; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
21 Congress of the United States to enact legislation allowing
22 Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices; and be it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
25 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
26 congressional delegation.