

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 2, 2013

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Committee
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Alexander:

We write to express our bipartisan support for the 340B Drug Discount Program, a 20-year old law that helps to reduce pharmaceutical costs for hundreds of hospitals that serve many low-income residents of our states.

The 340B Program has reduced federal and state government spending on prescription drugs by billions of dollars and successfully increased access to drugs for low-income and other vulnerable patients served by 340B providers.

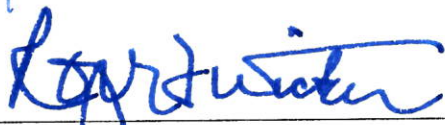
Our 340B hospitals report that the program enables them to expand health care services to the community, increase the number of patients they serve, or offset losses from uncompensated care. Given the significant economic pressures on these safety net providers, any threat to these savings means that these community-based programs are at great risk.

We appreciate your continued support of the program, and look forward to working with you to improve the program and ensure the 340B Program continues to serve the needs of safety net entities and their patients.

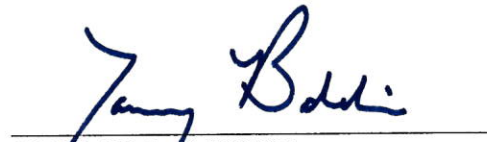
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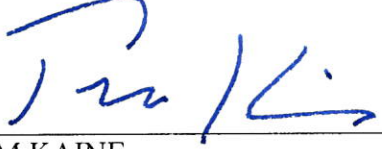
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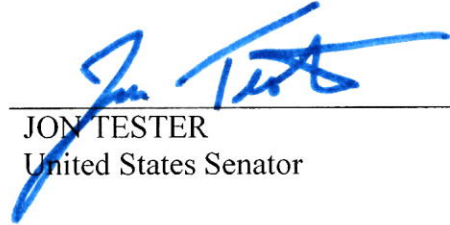
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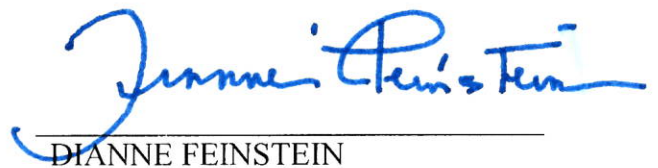
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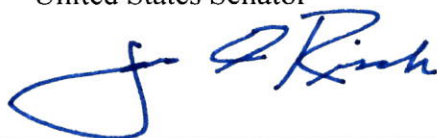
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