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Dear Legislators,

We are reaching out today to express our concerns regarding H.R. 3, which would have a detrimental effect on Kentucky patients. This misguided policy threatens American medical innovation and will quickly reduce access to the medications needed by some of our most vulnerable populations, including seniors and people living with chronic conditions.

Under H.R. 3, the federal government would be setting prices for 250 medications, based on the prices of these drugs in other countries—a proposal that simply doesn't account for the significant investments made by U.S. companies to research, develop and launch new innovative medicines that are saving lives and improving health outcomes here and around the globe.

Today Kentucky is home to nearly 3 million people living with at least one chronic condition, many of whom rely on prescription treatments and medications to manage their health and live comfortably. **We urge you to act in the best interests of these patients and to join us in opposing H.R. 3.**

The passage of H.R. 3 would not only impact patients today but would also significantly limit the robust development of new treatments and medications that could save lives and treat patients in the years ahead. A recent analysis [shows](#) that would lead to 61 fewer medicines over the next 10 years. Imagine the impact this harmful legislation could have had on the unprecedented scientific endeavor that brought us the COVID-19 vaccine in less than a year.

If we want to live in a world where medical researchers and scientists can uncover new treatments for complex diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS, we must encourage health care innovation rather than creating new barriers to investment in research and development.

For these reasons, we urge you to **oppose H.R. 3** and consider policies that will be more effective in increasing patient access to lifesaving medications and encouraging the development of new ones. Thank you for your service to the commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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Kentucky Life Sciences Council
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
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