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Re: Broad Support of the 340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-net (Access) Act

Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Scalise, and Representatives Allen, Burchett, Collins, Crank, Evans, Grothman, Hern, Jack, Kiggans, Kustoff, Mann, McCormick, Miller-Meeks, Schmid, and Tiffany,

On behalf of the Health Education Advocacy and Learning, Inc. (HEAL Collaborative) and the undersigned organizations, we write to urge your support of the 340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-net (ACCESS) Act ([H.R. 5256](#)). This critical legislation is essential to returning the 340B Drug Pricing Program to its foundational purpose of serving America's most vulnerable communities. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with your staff in Washington, D.C., to discuss the ACCESS Act and express our support for comprehensive 340B reform.

As you know, the 340B program represents an important resource for safety-net providers to help low-income and underserved patients access life-saving medications. However, after three decades of program expansion without adequate oversight, the program now faces significant structural challenges that undermine its core mission. While the program generates billions in discounts annually, too many of these savings are diverted away from the patients and communities they were intended to help.

The status quo has led to a system in which large hospital networks capture the majority of 340B benefits without demonstrating meaningful improvements in access or affordability for vulnerable populations. These entities often establish satellite facilities in affluent areas specifically to maximize 340B revenue streams while failing to invest in the underserved communities that should benefit from the program. In fact, recent research shows some hospitals reroute 340B savings into Wall Street portfolios while cutting back on charity care.

The lack of transparency and accountability in the current system has enabled problematic practices that directly contradict the program's charitable mission. Some participating hospitals engage in aggressive debt collection practices against the very patients the program was designed to protect, while others use 340B revenue for purposes entirely unrelated to patient care or community benefit. Additionally, pharmacy benefit managers and corporate pharmacy chains extract substantial profits from the program through excessive fees, further reducing the resources available to support patient access.

The 340B ACCESS Act provides the comprehensive framework necessary to address these systemic challenges and restore integrity to the program. Key provisions we support include:

- Mandating direct patient benefits through sliding fee scales, ensuring nearly 50 million Americans gain access to more affordable prescription medications.
- Establishing clear patient eligibility criteria and stronger oversight of hospital child sites to prevent abuse while preserving legitimate access.
- Requiring participating hospitals to meet enhanced eligibility standards and prohibiting harmful debt collection practices against vulnerable patients.

- Increasing transparency with mandatory reporting requirements and creating a neutral claims clearinghouse to strengthen program integrity.

340B's drift toward some hospitals' profits pulls resources and attention away from community clinics, rural providers, and the patients who depend on them. Without meaningful reform, it is guaranteed that many tax-exempt hospitals and their for-profit partners will claim 340B safety-net funds for themselves rather than passing on benefits to the patients and communities they claim to serve.

We respectfully urge you to co-sponsor the 340B ACCESS Act to help ensure the program delivers on its original promise – supporting America's most vulnerable patients and the safety-net providers who care for them. The communities we represent depend on timely action to strengthen and sustain this critical lifeline.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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