

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 26, 2021

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

The safe importation of prescription drugs from Canada can serve as a critical solution for reducing the amount Americans pay for their prescription drugs. That is why we encourage your support and consideration of policies that will allow Americans to personally import certain prescription drugs from Canada.

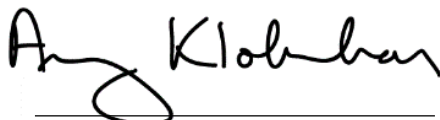
Americans, on average, pay the highest prescription drug prices in the world and are struggling to afford the medications they need. Last year, one in three Americans saw their out-of-pocket medication costs increase, and that has real consequences. Nearly 30 percent of adults report not taking their medicines as prescribed because of the cost.

The Administration's recent Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy recognized that prescription drug prices can be lowered through the importation of safe and cheaper drugs from Canada. We agree that importation should be part of the effort to lower the cost of prescription drugs, and that is why we have proposed bipartisan legislation—the *Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act*—to permit personal importation of certain safe and effective prescription drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada. Americans should be able to obtain affordable medications, and expanding access to safe and affordable drugs in Canada can make a difference by providing direct relief to the millions of Americans who are struggling to afford the increasing cost of prescription drugs.

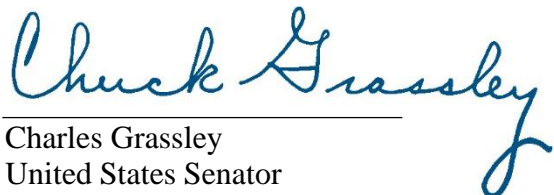
As the Administration considers options for lowering the cost of prescription drugs for patients, we urge your support for permanent solutions that will allow Americans to safely and personally import their medication.

Thank you for your continued support on this important issue.

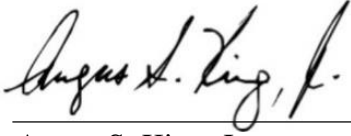
Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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