

FOR THE PEOPLE

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What People Are Saying

H.R. 3, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, is a bold, transformational step toward lowering prescription drug costs for every American. The legislation addresses the problem of skyrocketing drug costs by allowing working families in employer-sponsored plans to access the same cost savings negotiated for Medicare. Here's what people are saying about H.R. 3:

[AARP](#): "AARP commends Chairmen Pallone, Neal, and Scott for introducing the Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019. There is no reason for Americans to continue paying the highest prescription drug prices in the world. This bill is an important step toward our goal of ensuring that Americans have access to the drugs they need at prices they can afford."

[AFL-CIO](#): "We applaud Speaker Pelosi for her bold, transformative plan to significantly reduce the price of prescription drugs. We must end the outrageous price spikes we see year after year. Importantly, this legislation will lower the cost of prescriptions for working people who get their health insurance through their employer, as well as for people enrolled in Medicare. This proposal is a major advance toward enacting legislation that will provide urgently needed relief on drug prices."

[AFSCME](#): "For too long, politicians have given pharmaceutical companies a free license to take advantage of working people and retirees. Every year, these companies rake in billions of dollars in profits for their CEOs and shareholders by price gouging consumers. Meanwhile, millions of Americans report skipping dosages or outright forgoing medication because of exorbitant costs. By introducing H.R. 3, House leadership is taking a stand for working people and retirees and promising to rein in corporate greed. AFSCME looks forward to working with this Congress to ensure that every American has access to the medication they need."

[Alliance for Retired Americans](#): "This bill is a huge step toward helping retirees and all Americans afford their medications by empowering the government to negotiate lower prices and lowering out of pocket costs... Americans pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs. Each month more and more seniors are not filling their prescriptions or skipping doses because they simply cannot afford them. This bill ensures that the prices Americans pay for the most expensive drugs are in line with the lower prices of the same drugs in other countries."

[American Hospital Association \(AHA\)](#): "The AHA applauds today's proposal that takes significant strides toward reducing out-of-control drug prices, which continue to place patients and the providers who care for them at risk. Outrageous drug prices force too many patients into rationing their drugs or leaving their prescriptions unfilled."

America's hospitals and health systems see the consequences firsthand: patients coming back through our doors sicker than when they left. Not only do our patients feel it at the pharmacy counter, but the high cost of drugs threatens the ability of hospitals and health systems to acquire needed drugs for patients in their care. We look forward to further reviewing today's proposal and continuing to work with the Administration and the Congress to make progress on lowering drug prices."

Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH): "We appreciate the leadership in House of Representatives stepping up to address the problem of high drug prices and one of the most egregious market failures impacting families and businesses today. PBGH looks forward to reviewing the details of the proposed plan, and we will work with the committees of jurisdiction and its members to bring the employers' voice in the drug pricing debate, while championing policies that strengthen market forces, increase competition, and make drugs more affordable for employers and consumers."

United Automobile Workers (UAW): "UAW has long supported various approaches to ensure working families have access to affordable health care. That is why the UAW advocated for passage of Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and are now urging Congress to pass bold reforms to drive down the cost of prescription drugs. We are pleased that the Committee is discussing various approaches to make prescription drugs more affordable."