

Dear Chair Black, Vice Chair McFaun, and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed amendment to cap outpatient drugs at 120% of the average sales price. The prices charged by Vermont hospitals for these essential treatments for cancer, Crohn's disease, and other conditions are among the highest in the country and are driving the affordability crisis in our health care system.

It has quickly become unsustainable for Vermont residents, school districts, and school employees to continue to pay the exorbitant prices that have contributed to the surging costs and outrageous premiums for health care coverage in our state.

Please vote to include this language in H.266 and cap the excessive mark-ups on these medications.

Thank you for your considerations, and for the work that you do in our state.

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