

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

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

Vermonters, families and their employers, cannot pay these exorbitant prices that have contributed to the surging costs and outrageous premiums for health care coverage in our state. These costs are crushing Vermont families, forcing employers to make difficult choices, and impeding our economic growth.

Please vote for this change to provide tangible relief in the face of this crisis.

Sincerely,

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