



February 10, 2020

Jane Doe  
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Dear Jane,

Across the 7th District of Virginia, the number one issue I hear about from constituents is the rising cost of prescription drugs. At town halls, festivals, and community visits, families tell me about the choices they are making to afford their medicine, nurses and doctors express anxiety for their patients, and pharmacists recount stories of necessary prescriptions left unfilled. As I continue to work hard on this issue, I wanted to update you on my efforts to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

**In April, I introduced the *Public Disclosure of Drug Discounts Act* (H.R. 2115) and worked across the aisle for months to get it through the House. In October, it passed 403-0. This bill would require pharmacy benefit managers – the middlemen who negotiate drug prices – to be transparent about the role they play in driving up costs. Until we know more about their closed-door negotiations, it's very hard to lower prices at the pharmacy counter.**

**I cosponsored and helped pass the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act* (H.R. 3) in December. This bill, which passed the House with bipartisan support, gives Medicare Part D the power to negotiate with drug companies and fight for lower prices for Central Virginia seniors. This bill would also reverse years of unfair price hikes on essential medications that treat conditions like diabetes, arthritis, and breast cancer.**

**I cosponsored and voted for the *CREATES Act*. Pharmaceutical companies often use anti-competitive practices to prevent cheaper, generic drugs from getting to market. The *CREATES Act* cracks down on these practices and encourages the availability of more affordable generics. This bill was signed into law in December. H.R. 2115 and H.R. 3 still await a vote in the Senate.**

This is just some of the work I've done so far on prescription drug prices, and I encourage you to sign up for my constituent newsletter at [spanberger.house.gov](http://spanberger.house.gov) to receive updates on future bills. I also rely on your direct feedback and stories to drive my legislative work. Please consider taking a moment to share your views by completing the enclosed survey. Your feedback helps me better serve Virginia's 7th District.

With appreciation,



Abigail Davis Spanberger  
Member of Congress

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## VA-07 Prescription Drug Survey

### Tell me what you think!

First and foremost, my job is to make Central Virginians' voices heard in Washington. I take this responsibility very seriously, and I'm committed to listening to you – whether we agree on every issue or not. Your input helps me better serve our communities.

Please complete this survey and mail it back to my office using the enclosed envelope, along with a stamp. You can also take the survey online at: [spanberger.house.gov/forms/form/?ID=32](http://spanberger.house.gov/forms/form/?ID=32)

**1. Please clearly print your email:**

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**2. Do you believe the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act* deserves a vote in the U.S. Senate?**

- Yes, I think Medicare Part D should have the power to negotiate for lower drug prices.  
 No, I don't think Medicare Part D should be able to negotiate with drug companies.  
 I'm not sure, I need more information.

**3. Do you think increasing price transparency should be a part of our strategy to lower prescription drug costs?**

- Yes, part of the issue is that the whole industry is very secretive about its practices.  
 No, I don't think greater transparency will improve the root issues of this crisis.  
 I'm not sure, I need more information.

Do you have a story about prescription drug costs that you would like to share? Please continue to the back as needed.

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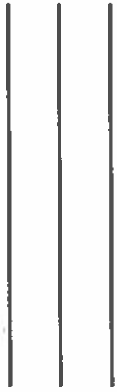
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