



In Opposition to North Dakota SB 2170
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Chairman Lefor and members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor committee,

With the North Dakota Americans for Prosperity organization behind me, I am asking you to reject SB 2170, or the introduction of prescription price controls. The adoption of this act will not result in its expected outcome and will instead cause additional red tape and bureaucracy that will limit the ability for North Dakotans to get the care they need and deserve.

It is important that we find fiscally responsible ways to decrease drug prices to make them readily available to those who need them. Price controls are not the way to do it. We believe using the American free market and the strengthen of competition and innovation will lower healthcare price and open accessibility—not socialist policies tied to socialized governments.

The COVID-19 pandemic showed us that unnecessary red tape and bureaucracy limit medical professionals from providing the care patients deserve. Even now as the vaccine rollouts out, we see states with more limitations on who can be vaccinated have been significantly slower than those without. Simply put, red tape and bureaucracy stop doctors and nurses from saving lives.

SB 2170 will do the same to North Dakota's prescription drug marketplace. By introducing anti-free market methods, you will be limiting access to the United States' most innovative drug therapies that we have to

offer. Consider the long-term results of this as less innovation is promoted and North Dakotans are unable to get care for new viruses or conditions that may arise.

Reject SB 2170 and embrace American values in your legislation. Think of the long-lasting effects SB 2170 would have on the North Dakotan market and citizens when making your decision. I along with everyone at Americans for Prosperity hope that you see the problems with your legislation and reject this un-American policy.

Regards,

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