

October 24, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing the cost of lifesaving prescription medications in the United States. As your Administration continues its work, we encourage you to appoint Congressman Earl L. “Buddy” Carter to any commission formed to address the matter.

Congressman Carter is the only pharmacist currently serving in Congress where he has dedicated his short tenure to health care policy, specifically to prescription drug pricing and opioid abuse. He serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is a member of the panel’s Health Subcommittee. Before his appointment to the Committee, Congressman Carter helped lead the House Oversight and Government Reform’s multiple investigations into prescription drug pricing issues.

Before his election to the House, Congressman Carter served in the Georgia General Assembly where he was a leader on the state’s public policy regarding health care. He sponsored legislation that created the state’s prescription drug monitoring program, helped usher through landmark tort reform and served on a certificate of need taskforce.

Most importantly, Congressman Carter brings a lifetime’s experience serving patients in the practice of pharmacy across multiple practice settings. His more than thirty years in the field give him unique insight into its evolution and how potential reforms would impact patients.

Addressing the rising cost of prescription medications is of utmost importance to the American people. With experience in both the practice of pharmacy and public policy, few are better positioned to address this issue than Congressman Carter. Thank you, again, for your leadership and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Pharmacists Association
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Community Oncology Alliance
Community Oncology Pharmacy Association
Food Marketing Institute
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists
National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Association of Specialty Pharmacy
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Grocers Association