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“Remarkably, both candidates agree on one thing - allowing Americans to access affordable prescription medications through importation”



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“Personal prescription importation could offer Americans access to critical medications at affordable prices immediately” - CPPI Executive Director, Jack Pfeiffer

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Bill #1 CPPI Endorses Rep. Jan Schakowsky's Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act of 2024

CPPI Needs Your Help Encouraging Congress to Advance the Bill



The [Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation \(CPPI\)](#) released a statement endorsing the “Affordable and Safe Prescription Drugs Act of 2024 ([H.R. 8848](#)),” introduced by [Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky](#)’s (IL-09).

“Millions of Americans depend on personal prescription importation for access to critical daily medications. Affordable access to prescription

drugs from licensed Canadian pharmacies is an issue of life or death for millions of Americans. Expanding access to imported medicines through the ‘Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act’ will save lives, as more than one hundred thousand CPPI Members can attest,” says Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation (CPPI) executive director, Jack Pfeiffer.

“CPPI thanks Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky for her long-standing efforts to bring affordable medicines to all Americans. This key legislation to allow for imported medicines represents a major step toward that goal.”

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CPPI Member Testimonials:



“I have been a licensed physician in Illinois for 35 years. I have had many patients who were unable to afford their prescription medication either because they were uninsured or because their insurance carrier decided to stop coverage of a medication that was beneficial to them. Having the

option to purchase their prescribed medication from Canada was a lifesaver for them. I, myself, have resorted to purchasing a medication for the treatment of asthma that my insurance carrier would not approve. I'm thankful that I was able to find an affordable price from a reputable Canadian pharmacy so that it was feasible to continue my medication.” - CPPI Member, Dr. Dawna Gutzmann, Skokie, IL

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“I have severe asthma. I took Advair for a long time with good relief until my insurance stopped covering it. My doctor was unable to get a prior authorization approved. The other medications did not work as well for me. Advair is \$399 a month for me without insurance coverage. My doctor wrote a prescription and I am able to get Advair from Canada for \$50 for a month. It works as well as the American Advair, in fact, it looks just like it. I get it from a reputable Pharmacy with a prescription from my doctor. I think it's important for me to continue to be able to breathe.” - CPPI Member, Raun Gallegos, Skokie, IL

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“I am over 70 and living alone on Social Security of \$2,500 a month. My medication, when ordering in Chicago, would cost me \$1,000 or more a month for only one of my medications, and that is with insurance! This medication is keeping me alive! Prescription importation from Canada is the only way I can afford to purchase the medication.” - CPPI Member, Ann Hain, Chicago, IL

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For over a decade, the Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act has been championed by Senator Bernie Sanders. The American public has long supported prescription importation from Canada as a solution to high drug costs in the U.S. [2019 Kaiser Family Foundation polling](#) found 78% of the public favors allowing Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from licensed Canadian

pharmacies. This proposal has broad support across party lines – 75% of Democrats, 82% of Independents, and 75% of Republicans. According to the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#), approximately five million Americans import their medications due to high costs.

[Bill #2: CPPI Endorses Safe & Affordable Drugs From Canada Act](#)
Senators Klobuchar & Grassley Introduce Bill to Ensure Americans Access to Affordable, Critical Daily Medications



WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the [Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation \(CPPI\)](#) released a statement endorsing the “[Safe and Affordable Drugs From Canada Act of 2024 \(S. 4918\)](#),” introduced by [Senators Amy Klobuchar \(D-MN\)](#) and [Chuck Grassley \(R-IA\)](#). The bill is co-sponsored by Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Angus King (I-ME), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Jeane Shaheen (D-NH), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI).

“Expanding access to imported medicines for personal use through the ‘Safe and Affordable Drugs From Canada Act’ saves American lives, as more than one hundred thousand CPPI Members can attest,” says Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation (CPPI) executive director, Jack Pfeiffer. “CPPI applauds Senators Amy Klobuchar and Chuck Grassley for their long-standing commitment to allow for the safe importation of less expensive medicines from Canada. This key legislation would ensure Americans have access to life-saving drugs at a fraction of the cost through personal importation.”

CPPI Member Testimonials:



“I have had type 2 diabetes for approximately 15 years. I was switched to the Jardiance medication about 2 years ago for my diabetes treatment. When I ordered my first prescription from Walgreens in Rosemount, MN, a 3-month supply cost over \$1,600 for 10 MG pills. I canceled the order and did not pay for it. However, the drug worked so much better at lowering my blood sugar levels, I knew I needed to keep using it. So, I went online and found out about Canadian pharmacies. They delivered the same drug Jardiance, and they'll save me \$6,000 a year for this medication alone. This bill to ensure Americans can import medicine from Canada can save lives.” - CPPI Member, William Leshner, Rosemont, MN

“I am required to take a heart medication to control my rare heart arrhythmia. Ordering my medication from Canada at an affordable price allowed me to return to being a functioning member of society. We need Congress to pass this bill and ensure all Americans can access critical medicines.” - CPPI Member, Debbie Kahrs, RN, Norwalk, IA

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[Current law](#) allows personal importation of prescription drugs on a case-by-case basis, and directs the FDA to exercise discretion in permitting personal importation of drugs when the product is “clearly for personal use, and does not appear to present an unreasonable risk to the user.” Licensed Canadian pharmacies, ship products to Americans through the postal service and help patients, mostly seniors, obtain affordable medications for their chronic conditions such as COPD, diabetes and high blood pressure.

[Price comparisons](#) demonstrate that identical medications from Canada cost up to 90 percent less than the price charged in the United States, with the top 60 drugs sold in America costing nearly four times as much as Canada. Recent [surveys](#) reveal that more than one-third of Americans do not fill their prescriptions

due to cost. Meanwhile, Americans who import their medications [report saving](#) an average of \$4,920 a year.

“It’s time now for Congress and the Administration to deliver immediate relief to American patients and advance personal prescription importation,” says CPPI Executive Director Jack Pfeiffer.

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[**REUTERS: US will still pay at least twice as much after negotiating drug prices**](#)

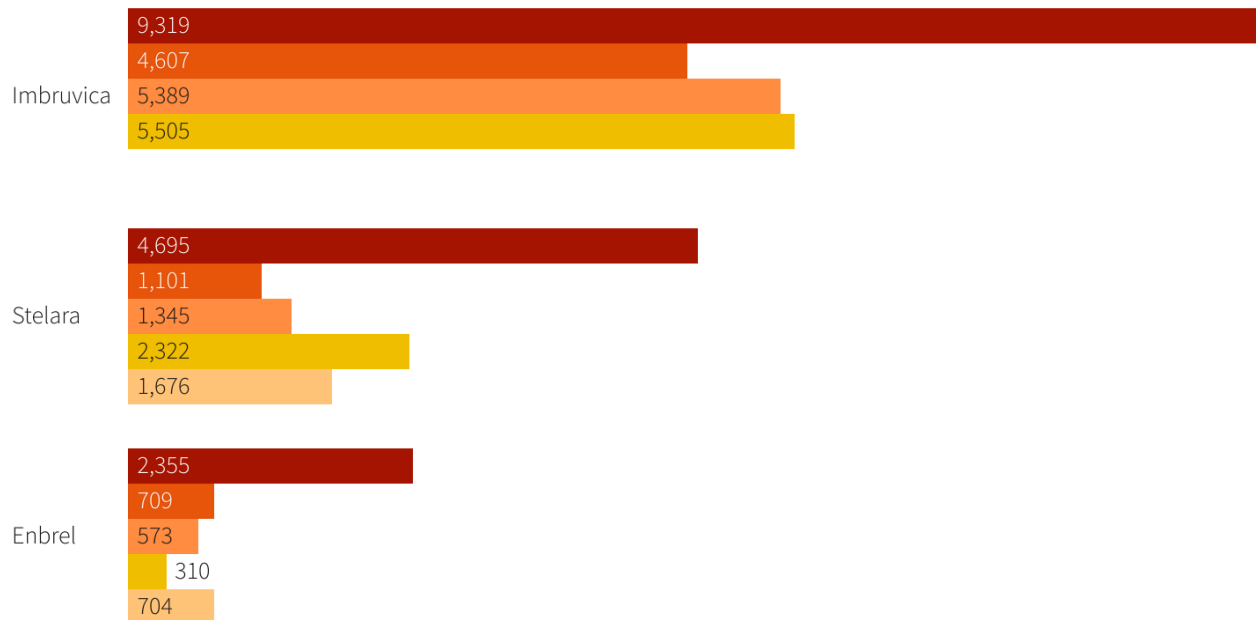
The U.S. government's first-ever negotiated prices for prescription drugs are still on average more than double, and in some cases five times, what drugmakers have agreed to in four other high-income countries, a Reuters review has found.

The U.S. Medicare health plan, which covers more than 67 million people, [recently unveiled new maximum prices](#), for the first 10 high-cost medicines negotiated under the Biden Administration's Inflation Reduction Act.

Prices for drugs included in U.S. Medicare's first negotiations

The Biden administration selected 10 prescription medicines for unprecedented price negotiations by the Medicare health program for older Americans that covers 67 million people last year, and announced new prices for those last month to go into effect in 2026. Here's how the price of a 30-day supply stacks up against other countries' 2024 prices, all in U.S. dollars.

● US Medicare 2026 ● Sweden ● Australia ● Japan ● Canada



In Case You Missed It:

Senator Rubio Re-Introduces The DRUGS Act to Deny Seniors Access to Affordable Medicines

Florida Senator Marco Rubio quietly re-introduced the Domain Reform for Unlawful Drug Sellers Act (DRUGS Act) [[S. 4108](#)], a bill that would prevent Americans from accessing safe and affordable daily prescription medicines from licensed Canadian pharmacies.



In response, the [Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation \(CPPI\)](#) has hand-delivered a [letter](#) to Florida Senator Marco Rubio, opposing the re-introduced DRUGS Act.

“Floridians and Americans are already struggling with rising inflationary costs in all aspects of life. The DRUGS Act would deny seniors on fixed incomes access to the only affordable route to their daily medications. The DRUGS Act puts lives in jeopardy,” says CPPI Executive Director Jack Pfeiffer. “We hope Senator Marco Rubio, listens to the Floridians and Americans, and withdraws the DRUGS Act.”

CPPI needs your help to push back against this atrocious bill that would deny Americans like you access to the prescription drugs they need.

[Click Here to Write to Congress & Tell Them No DRUGS Act](#)

Jerry Phillips from Holiday, Florida is a Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation member and a volunteer for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program. He helps seniors with their Medicare questions and issues. Phillips says, “The single biggest problem that these seniors face is the cost of new, highly advertised and promoted drugs. I personally use a Canadian pharmacy to get one of my medications, saving me \$800 per year. Without this option, I could not afford it. The DRUGS Act would rob Americans like me of one of the only avenues for safe and affordable prescription medications - licensed international pharmacies.”

[Take Action – Tell Congress No to the DRUGS Act](#)

Dr. Linda Christmann of Bradenton, Florida says, “For the past several years, my husband and I have benefited from purchasing drugs through one or both of two Canadian pharmacies. Last year we saved over \$1900 by doing so. I have had no concerns about my safety in buying my drugs this way. Please keep this pathway open for us all.”




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Emma Soffer of Naples, Florida says, “I have a heart condition & take many medications which run me over \$400 per month. I cannot afford these medications so to survive I must be allowed to get my medications from Canada.



As long as USA suppliers continue to charge such outrageous amounts for the drugs that Americans need to survive people like me have no alternative but to purchase the needed medications online from Canada. Please oppose the DRUGS ACT.”

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CPPI July 2024 Price Comparison

Drug Prices: U.S. VS Canada	 GoodRx	Amazon Pharmacy		
Jublia: 8ml, Antifungal	\$1480.00	*	\$142.00	90%
Premarin: 0.3mg, Estrogen Replacement	\$586.99	\$503.75	\$92.00	84%
Xifaxan: 550mg x60, IBS	\$3,328.00	\$3,333.00	\$733.00	78%
Myrbetriq: 50mg x90, Overactive Bladder	\$1,174.00	\$1,036.20	\$235.00	77%
Rybelsus: 7mg x90, Type 2 Diabetes	\$2,796.00	\$491.60	\$123.80	76%
Xarelto: 20mg x90, Blood thinner	\$1679.40	\$1576.73	\$457.00	73%
Eliquis: 5mg x60, Cholesterol	\$546.52	\$553.60	\$170.62	69%
Flovent Diskus: 110mcg, Asthma	\$282.37	*	\$99.00	65%
Trintellix: 20mg x90, Antidepressant	\$1,368.00	\$1,222.35	\$561.00	59%
Epipen: .3mg x2 Anaphylaxis	\$630.22	\$621.28	\$275.47	56%

Prices obtained July 2024. U.S. cash price calculated using the lowest after-coupon discount price of pharmacies listed on GoodRx.com for the United States. Canadian mail-order prescription pricing calculated using the average price of pharmacies certified by Canadian International Pharmacy Association (CIPA.com). Canadian product pricing is for Health Canada approved brand name products, dispensed by a pharmacy licensed in Canada. all registered trademarks referred to here-in belong to their respective owners. * Indicates prescription not available from provider at this time.

The [Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation \(CPPI\)](#) released the above new price comparison of the most sought-after brand-name prescription drugs revealing that average Canadian drug prices are 50% to 90% less expensive than leading U.S. pharmacy prices.

Earlier in July, President Joe Biden and Senator Bernie Sanders issued a warning in [USA Today](#) to pharmaceutical companies stating, “If Novo Nordisk and other pharmaceutical companies refuse to substantially lower prescription drug prices in our country and end their greed, we will do everything within our power to end it for them.”

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5 Quick Ways You Can Take Action:

1. Let Congress know how this issue impacts you [HERE](#)
2. Sign up to receive CPPI communications [HERE](#)
3. Share your story to help inform decision makers on the real impact of high drug prices [HERE](#)
4. Join our Action Committee and get more involved by emailing us at info@personalimportation.org
5. Follow us on [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#) so you can see the latest news on this important issue



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About the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation

CPPI is a national nonprofit patient advocacy organization that fights for Americans' access to safe, affordable prescription medications from Canada for personal use. Tens of millions of Americans – especially the elderly and others on fixed incomes – struggle to pay the extremely high price of prescription medications in the U.S. We are here to be their voice.

Millions of Americans use licensed Canadian pharmacies annually, to purchase their daily prescription medications at an affordable price. We believe that all Americans have a right to affordable medications. It is time to change the current U.S. policy on this issue to provide immediate access to life-saving medications, taken daily for chronic health conditions, at affordable prices.

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