

## **Prescription Importation Update**

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# **CPPI E-Update: Action Needed on New Legislation, NEW Price Comparisons**

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## Fresh Federal Legislation Supporting RxImportation from Canada

Two bills have now been introduced in the House and Senate supporting prescription drug importation from Canada. The latest bill S.920, The Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act of 2021, was introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders with 21 co-sponsors, and it would support state, wholesale and personal prescription drug importation. Matching, companion legislation in the House was introduced by Rep. Peter Welch with 12 co-sponsors.



The other legislation, The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2021, was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R.832) by Rep. Cheillie Pingree (ME) and Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA) and in the Senate (S.259) by Sens. Chuck Grassley (IA) and Amy Klobuchar (MN). This legislation would specifically allow individuals to safely import prescription drugs from Canada, creating savings for consumers and bringing greater competition into the pharmaceutical market.

Take Action To Support Passage of RxImportation Legislation

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#### **State Based RxImportation Legislation**

Six states have undertaken efforts to pass legislation and design State Importation

Programs in order to offer citizens access to drastically lower Canadian drug prices. Federal rules governing importation are still under litigation and under review by the Biden administration. Whether or not Colorado, Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Vermont are able to proceed with State Importation Programs, questions remain as to whether patients would actually recoup savings under their wholesale importation plans.



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We are seeking responses on a **NEW Short Survey** to help us better advocate for American patients seeking access to affordable medications from abroad.





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## Canadian Rx Prices Lower Than Amazon, GoodRx & Leading U.S. Competitors

Drug Prices: U.S. VS Canada	GoodR	amazon Prime	*	2
Entocort: IBD, Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis	\$687.46	\$702.68	\$80.10	88%
Flovent Diskus: Asthma *	\$198.64	\$182.65	\$27.62	85%
Spiriva: COPD	\$478.75	\$487.30	\$95.30	80%
Premarin: Estrogen Replacement Therapy	\$155.61	\$175.30	\$35.36	80%
Januvia: Type 2 Diabetes	\$496.81	\$506.22	\$125.57	75%
Crestor: Cholesterol	\$259.60	\$244.52	\$67.03	73%
Synthroid: Hormone Deficiency	\$45.67	\$41.96	\$11.95	72%
Xarelto: Blood Clots	\$473.00	\$502.95	\$151.36	68%
<b>EpiPen:</b> Allergies *Price for two .3mg injectors	\$607.27	\$573.30	\$278.22	51%
Dexilant: Stomach & Esophageal Issues	\$220.90	\$186.98	\$92.20	51%
Prices obtained March 2021. U.S. Cash price for a 30-day supply (* 1 Inhaler 60 Blister) callowest after-coupon discount price of pharmacies listed on GoodRx.com for the United State order prescription pricing calculated using the average price of pharmacies certified by Ca Pharmacy Association (CIPA.com). Canadian product pricing is for Health Canada approved products, dispensed by a pharmacy licensed in Canada.	ates. Canadian mail nadian Internationa	CP(	PI FO	MPAIGN RPERSONA ESCRIPTIO PORTATION

CPPI's new price comparison of prescription drugs finds online Canadian pharmacy prices 50 to 90% more affordable than prices at AmazonPharmacy, GoodRx and leading U.S. pharmacy competitors. The analysis by the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation (CPPI) comes as Congress turns its attention to the high cost of U.S. prescription drugs in a Senate hearing in the Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee.

"Saving 50 to 90 percent on drug prices from Canadian pharmacies can literally mean life or death for many U.S. patients. Americans deserve access to affordable medications," says Jack Pfeiffer, CPPI Executive Director. "Too often U.S. pharmacies like CVS, and newer options like Amazon and GoodRx are more than happy grabbing profits along with the Big Pharma machine at the expense of patients and taxpayers. Online Canadian pharmacies place critical medications back in the reach of American patients, allowing patients to directly recoup the savings."

Read More...

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What is Your Experience? We Need Your Voice

We need your help. Providing a testimonial of your experience and the savings you have found by personally importing your prescription drugs from a Canadian pharmacy, takes only moments and can help tremendously. It only takes a moment. Submit your testimonial and/or read others.

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### 5 Quick Ways You Can Take Action:

- 1. Sign up to receive CPPI communications HERE
- 2. Share your story to help inform decision makers on the real impact of high drug prices HERE
- 3. Join our Action Committee and get more involved by emailing us at <a href="mailto:info@personalimportation.org">info@personalimportation.org</a>
- 4. Let Congress know how this issue impacts you HERE
- 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**

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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