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June 16, 2026

The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cassidy and Members of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

I am writing to urge the Committee to reject S. 2658, the Medication Affordability and Patent Integrity Act. Despite its name, this bill would do little to address the true drivers of high health care costs and instead risks undermining the economic ecosystem that delivers new treatments to patients.

S. 2658 is not a patient-first policy. Those that stand to benefit most from weakening patent protections in the name of “affordability” are big insurers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). For years, big insurer-PBMs have built their business models around squeezing every dollar out of the health care system at our expense.

The bill burdens drug developers with new administrative requirements that put their patents at risk and deter innovation. Research and development will slow because inventors cannot trust that their ideas will be protected.

If the Committee is serious about lowering costs for seniors, it must focus on the root of the problem - Big Insurance and their PBM partners. We strongly urge the Committee to reject S. 2658.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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