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The Honorable John Thune Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune,

On behalf of the <u>Coalition Against Socialized Medicine (CASM)</u>, we are deeply concerned about the possible inclusion of a Most Favored Nation (MFN) pricing model in the Senate budget reconciliation package and strongly urge you to oppose any potential MFN proposals that may be offered during votea-rama.

As a coalition of free-market organizations, we boldly support policies that foster domestic innovation and oppose those that do not. As CASM has consistently said, regardless of who is in power, MFN actively undermines this by importing foreign price controls by indexing U.S. prices to those in other countries.

For years, America has been the global leader in pharmaceutical innovation, a position we cannot afford to surrender—especially as <u>recent reports</u> show China surpassing the U.S. in clinical trials. Hindering this leadership not only jeopardizes a critical industry but also puts at risk the American jobs and communities that depend on it. Furthermore, the Biden administration's deeply flawed Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has already inflicted harm on our healthcare system, particularly Medicare.

Our coalition, along with several other partner organizations, has been a <u>persistent critic</u> of the potential inclusion of the MFN model in reconciliation, raising our concerns about the devastating impacts it would have on American healthcare. Throughout our consistent opposition, our message has remained the same: price controls are antithetical to conservative principles and threaten to decimate America's medical innovation sector.

We urge the Senate to carefully consider these consequences and place alternative solutions to lower drug costs at the forefront of the conversation, including holding foreign nations accountable to pay their fair share, rooting out the waste, fraud, and abuse driving up Medicaid and Medicare spending, and reining in Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Failing to do so will leave American patients bearing the burden.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

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