



# COALITION AGAINST SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

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## Via Electronic Delivery

The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Chairman  
The House Committee on Energy and  
Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jason Smith  
Chairman  
The House Committee on Ways and Means  
1139 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie, Chairman Smith, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and House Committee on Ways and Means:

On behalf of the Coalition Against Socialized Medicine (CASM), thank you for your commitment to holding the country's largest health insurance giants accountable for their role in driving up patient costs. As insurers continue to engage in anti-competitive practices that put profits over patients, it is imperative that lawmakers challenge these behemoths' control over the healthcare market to help ensure Americans have access to affordable, effective treatment options.

Multi-billion-dollar insurers have grown into massive conglomerates in recent years. The 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) have both handed out taxpayer-funded subsidies that provide a financial windfall for insurers without holding them accountable for increasing costs to those taxpayers.

The U.S. government is expected to give over [\\$16 trillion](#) to insurers so they can administer Americans' health benefits over the next 10 years. ACA subsidies, in particular, are used for the highest-cost insurance plans and rise as premiums increase. This self-fulfilling system funnels more money directly to the largest insurers, fueling an arms race to become the biggest and most expensive.

This backwards incentive has increased revenues and size across the board: since the enactment of the ACA, insurance company stocks have increased by more than [1000%](#) on average. Premiums are increasing as well; the average exchange plan benchmark premium has gone up 30% since [2021](#).

As part of their enterprises, the major insurance companies also operate Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). These middlemen serve no real purpose in the drug supply chain beyond increasing costs to patients and revenues for insurers; they negotiate rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers and rarely pass them on to patients, instead pocketing the difference as profit. The PBM marketplace itself is also an oligopoly, as the three largest PBMs control [80%](#) of the prescription drug market. As a result of their integration, these companies have stifled competition, reduced patient choice, and inflated costs.

Health insurers strain resources for patients, taxpayers, seniors, and families. With rising co-pays, deductibles, and premiums, health insurance has become a burden, not a tool for affordability. Reining in their perverse practices will lower drug prices, increase access to quality care, and save taxpayer dollars.

Skyrocketing healthcare costs should be discouraged, not used to line the pockets of insurance cartels. Lawmakers must refocus healthcare policy so patients, not insurers, come out on top. The free market will deliver low-cost goods to patients. Lawmakers should prioritize reforms that prevent big insurers from dominating U.S. healthcare.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued work in holding these disingenuous actors accountable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew M. Langer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Andrew Langer  
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Coalition Against Socialized Medicine (CASM)