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President Donald J. Trump
White House
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Dear President Trump:

I write today regarding your meeting with pharmaceutical executives to discuss the costs of prescription drugs. I share your concerns over increasing prescription drug prices and appreciate your stance that we must work together to bring down prices for hardworking Montanans. That is why I am reaching out to offer to work with you and my Republican and Democratic colleagues in Congress to ensure folks have access to the affordable drugs they need.

Over the past month, I have been traveling across Montana holding health care listening sessions, and I have heard from numerous Montanans who are concerned about the rising costs of life-saving medications. It is not right that Americans pay more for prescription drugs than patients in other countries of similar size and wealth. Over half of Americans take at least one prescription drug, and about a quarter of these folks are going without the medications they need because they cannot afford to fill their prescriptions. Last year saw an eight percent rise in the amount Americans had to spend on their prescription drugs, and the year before that saw a nearly 12 percent spike. Projections are that prescription costs will continue to rise and eat away at Montanans' pocketbooks. This situation is unacceptable and unsustainable, and we must hold all accountable for the strain this places on families.

Both parties in the United States Senate agree that we must bring down the prices of prescription drugs. While the causes behind rising prices are numerous and complex, we have already seen Republicans and Democrats stand together with the aim of addressing this issue. Americans expect all of us to work together on this front and I believe your vocal support will be critical in moving any solutions forward.

I appreciate your willingness to take a leading role on tackling rising prescription drug prices and stand ready to work with you to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,



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