



August 17, 2023

The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senate  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn  
United States Senate  
357 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Menendez and Blackburn:

AARP, which advocates for the more than 100 million Americans aged 50 and over, is pleased to endorse S. 1967, the Patients Before Middlemen (PBM) Act. We appreciate your bipartisan efforts to advance policies to address practices in the prescription drug market that can contribute to high prices for consumers and taxpayers.

Currently, some pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) fees are linked to drug prices, which could incentivize PBMs to cover high-priced drugs instead of lower-priced alternatives. Your legislation would de-link PBM compensation from drug prices and instead require Medicare Part D plans to pay PBMs using flat-dollar service fees. It will also address the possibility of PBMs receiving price-based compensation from other entities in the supply chain, including drug companies. AARP believes that this will help reduce potentially misaligned incentives and help reduce costs for Medicare Part D enrollees.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and others to address challenges in the prescription drug supply chain and to lower drug prices for older Americans. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Gidget Benitez on our Government Affairs team at [gbenitez@aarp.org](mailto:gbenitez@aarp.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading 'Bill Sweeney', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Bill Sweeney  
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