



August 17, 2023

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Cantwell and Grassley:

AARP, which advocates for the more than 100 million Americans aged 50 and over, is pleased to endorse S.127, the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Transparency Act of 2023. We appreciate your ongoing bipartisan efforts to advance policies to address practices in the prescription drug market that can contribute to high prices for consumers and taxpayers.

Your legislation would prohibit “spread pricing,” where a PBM charges insurance plans more for a prescription drug than what they pay the pharmacy and keeps the difference. It would also prohibit PBMs from retroactively reducing or “clawing back” payments made to pharmacies. Further, this bill would increase transparency and accountability in the prescription drug supply chain, which will help inform other efforts to lower costs for consumers and taxpayers.

We look forward to working with you on this bill and other measures to lower drug prices for all Americans. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Gidget Benitez on our Government Affairs team at gbenitez@aarpp.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney".

Bill Sweeney
Senior Vice President
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