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7 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND  
8 THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION  
12 THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A SINGLE, UNIFORM FEDERAL "BEST PRICE" OF  
13 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO ELIMINATE DISPARITIES IN DISCOUNTING  
14 AMONG FEDERAL PURCHASERS.

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16 WHEREAS, a complex patchwork of federal laws governs  
17 prices paid by federal purchasers for prescription drugs; and

18 WHEREAS, these prices are subject to a complicated array  
19 of federal regulations; and

20 WHEREAS, the range of discounted prices mandated by the  
21 federal government may vary by as much as twenty percent; and

22 WHEREAS, the complexity of the federal pricing laws and  
23 regulations detrimentally affects opportunities for obtaining  
24 pharmaceutical discounts for vulnerable populations at the  
25 state level; and

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