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Via Electronic Mail

**RE: HB 781**

Dear Honorable Senator Doug Beck,

Today I write urging your support of **HB 781**, which would support the original intent of the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program in Missouri by providing sufficient oversight to ensure the program appropriately serves patients, particularly those living with HIV and other chronic health conditions.

The Community Access National Network (CANN) is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization focusing on public policy issues relating to HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis. CANN's mission is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or viral hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking.

While CANN is primarily focused on policy matters affecting access to care for people living with and affected by HIV, we stand in firm support of all people living with chronic and rare diseases and recognize the very reality of those living with multiple health conditions and the necessity of timely, personalized care for every one of those health conditions. The 340B Drug Pricing Program is of profound importance to our community.

On May 28th, 2024 the “340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-net Act” or “340B ACCESS Act” was unveiled in the United States House of Representatives. The bill represents a careful negotiation between a variety of stakeholders affected by the 340B program, including but not limited to the National Association of Community Health Centers, a trade organization representing pharmaceutical manufacturers, and several patient advocacy organizations. CANN is proud to count ourselves among the members working to find consensus on reforming the 340B drug discount program.

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**HB 781** supports the well recognized need for transparency and accountability for hospitals utilizing the 340B drug pricing program. While creating parity in reporting that grantees are already required by HRSA to do.

The 340B program was designed to enable covered entities, including hospitals and clinics, to stretch limited federal resources and provide more comprehensive services to low-income and uninsured patients. However, without adequate oversight and transparency, there remains a risk that the savings from this program may not be fully reinvested in patient care as intended. **HB 781** takes a crucial step toward ensuring that hospitals participating in the 340B program demonstrate accountability in how these savings are allocated.

The 340B Drug Pricing Program is a lifeline for Federally Qualified Health Centers, the clinics who provide vital care to communities who need it most. 340B provides essential funding for Community Oncology clinics providing cancer treatment closer to communities far from Kansas City and ST Louis. It also supports the work of programs like the AIDS Drug Assistance Program which is the only named Grantee in the 340B legislation making lifesaving treatment and services possible throughout Missouri.

By requiring increased reporting and transparency measures, **HB 781** will help guarantee that patients directly benefit from the program's cost reductions. This legislation will strengthen the integrity of the 340B program while fostering public trust and ensuring that resources are directed toward expanding access to essential healthcare services.

We would be happy to discuss this legislation or any other matters of public health, please feel free to reach out by email or phone at [kalvin@tiican.org](mailto:kalvin@tiican.org), 913-954-8816, or [jen@tiicann.org](mailto:jen@tiicann.org), 313-333-8534.

Respectfully submitted,



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