



Allies for Independence Statement on the Reintroduction of H.R. 3, The Lower Drug Costs Now Act

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Yesterday afternoon, the House of Representatives reintroduced H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act. While Allies for Independence is pleased that the House is looking at reducing drug costs for individuals across the country, we continue to be concerned that the bill, which relies on an International Pricing Index (IPI), will hurt the most vulnerable consumers, particularly those with disabilities and chronic conditions. The IPI system relies on the Quality – Adjusted Life Year (QALY) to determine the value of health care as defined by the person’s condition, which places less value on the lives of people with disabilities and/or chronic health conditions. At a time when inequities are already a problem for many, there is no need to create additional barriers for people with the highest need for health care.