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Dear Members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation:

As advocates who work on behalf of hundreds of thousands of Alabamians who have serious diseases and disabilities, we share your concerns about rising out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs. But like you, we want to make sure we find solutions that lower patient costs without creating potentially worse barriers to care.

We are concerned that HR3 will hurt patients by discouraging innovation and restricting access to care.

We are particularly concerned that, under the foreign price reference provision of HR3, the U.S. would follow the lead of countries that use measurements like the quality-adjusted life year to decide whether patients can receive certain treatments. By design, these measurements place a lower value on people who are disabled, sick or old, and the effect is to restrict care for people who need it most.

While we support some portions of HR3, we are asking you to vote no on the bill as it is currently written. It does not serve the interests of patients if you make our healthcare system more affordable by discouraging innovation and making treatments more difficult to get.

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Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network
American Senior Alliance
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Rural Health Medical Program
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Survivors Cancer Action Network
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