

Ensuring affordable prescription drugs for all

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Dear Editor,

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee has voted to table House Bill 51 - the Prescription Drug Affordability Board Act. With just a week left in the legislative session, tabling the bill effectively blocks the legislation from moving forward.

While we are disappointed in the result, we are more committed than ever to enacting meaningful reform. Too many New Mexicans are struggling to afford the medication they need, and we are heartened by the thousands of people across the state who have stood up to say ENOUGH, it is time to stop the profiteering of the big drug companies and ensure all of us have access to affordable medication.

We would also like to take a moment to thank our sponsor in the House - Representative Herndon. She worked tirelessly to advance this legislation and we are grateful for her continued leadership.

We must keep up the pressure during the interim to hold the pharmaceutical industry accountable and demand leadership from our state officials to enact real reform.

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to take action to lower drug costs for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,

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