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Testimony in support of LD 1829, An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Requiring Reference-based Pricing

I am testifying in support of LD 1829, An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Requiring Reference-based Pricing.

My child has Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS). A medication Corlanor (Ivabradine) was prescribed to reduce the heart rate by changing the heart's electrical activity.

The insurance company denied it and it was going to cost almost \$600 for 60 pills at our local Walgreens. I started researching other ways to obtain the medication. I looked into using the RX discount card and researched online Canadian websites. Prescription costs in the US are astronomical and my adult child cannot afford to pay out of pocket for necessary medications. Please see the attached price table I created for Corlanor/Ivabradine comparison.

I worked diligently with the doctor's office and provided additional information showing other medications that did not work to finally have the prescription approved. This took months and a lot of time and effort.

Thank you,
Tracy Robertson

Pharmacy	Quantity	Corlanor	Ivabradine (Generic)	Price per Pill
Walgreens With RX discount	60	\$ 593.65		\$ 9.89
Hannaford With RX discount	60	\$ 553.25		\$ 9.22
Walmart with RX discount	60	\$ 595.82		\$ 9.93
<i>Canadian Online</i>				
NorthwestPharmacy.com	56	\$ 80.79		\$ 1.44
NorthwestPharmacy.com	56		\$ 41.19	\$ 0.74
Canadianpharmacyonline.com	60	\$ 85.00		\$ 1.42
Canadianpharmacyonline.com	60		\$ 65.00	\$ 1.08

