

American Rx Bill of Rights site launched; Urges Public to ask Senators, Reps where They Stand on Rx Prices, Policies

Election 2016 offers once-in-lifetime opportunity to elect Congress to support comprehensive legislation to lower prices

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, USA, May 13, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The newly launched [American Rx Bill of Rights](http://americanrxbillofrights.blogspot.com) (<http://americanrxbillofrights.blogspot.com>) is urging Americans to ask their Senators and Representatives to take a position on the need for comprehensive, bi-partisan legislation that will guarantee access for Americans to safe, affordable prescription medicines.

Daniel Hines, publisher of the [Today's Seniors Network](#) group of blogs, and [Rx for American Health](#), says the new site is directly aimed at "making a difference" in the 2016 Elections.

"The 'Articles' of the Rx Bill of Rights include proposals that can make an immediate impact upon the health and well-being of millions of Americans by ensuring that they are able to afford their vital medicines," he explains.

"The elections of 2016 offer what may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ensure that millions of Americans are no longer denied the health benefits made possible by access to vital medicines simply because of the predatory pricing practices of Pharma," he continues. "Simply put, a medicine that is unaffordable is, in and of itself unavailable, thereby putting the health and well-being of Americans at risk, contributing to rising health costs caused by complications that could have likely been avoided by access to safe, affordable medicines."

The Articles of the American Rx Bill of Rights are: Article One—A Basic Right to Good Health; Article Two--An Unaffordable Medicine is Unavailable; Article Three--Citizens as Stakeholders in Rx Policy Development; Article Four—Due Process to Protect Unfair Confiscation of Authentic Medicines Article Five—The Public Interest of an Rx Bill of Rights; Article Six—Reciprocity Agreements to Facilitate Personal Importation of and Access to Safe, Valid Medications

An explanation of the Articles follows:

Article One (A Basic Right to Good Health): The impact of millions of Americans being denied the



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health benefits of access to a regimen of safe, affordable medicines because of cost is a national health issue that has yet-to-be-recognized consequences. That is why the ability of American Citizens to make health care decisions in concert with their physicians such as the purchase of personally imported safe, affordable prescription medicines should not be hampered by any actions by government or private entities as a policy to restrict Americans' access to authentic medicines.

Article Two (An Unaffordable Medicine is Unavailable): A prescription medicine that is unaffordable is unavailable, thereby meeting the 'rules' of the FDA that such a medicine that is otherwise unavailable is indeed eligible to be personally imported by an American patient, Arbitrary denial by the FDA to such access is detrimental to the health of the patient by denying him or her access to vital maintenance medicines. This is a violation of the purpose of the FDA which is ostensibly designed to protect the health and well-being of American citizens.

Article Three (Citizens as Stakeholders): The relationship between the FDA, elected officials, and Pharma has led to numerous abuses, access by Pharma to legislators and other elected officials based on the contribution of millions of dollars, favored status for Pharma representatives and their front groups as the primary representative at public hearings to determine the health care policy for Federal, State and Local Governments, thereby skewering the decision-making process. That why it is incumbent upon Congress that it acts to ensure that ordinary American citizens whose health and finances are adversely affected by Pharma pricing practices, advocacy groups other than those of Pharma, are given a 'stakeholder' status equal to that of Pharma.

Article Four (Due Process): Americans who purchase safe, affordable brand-name medicines from licensed, registered pharmacies in Tier One Countries whose standards meet or exceed those of the U.S., are the legitimate owners of their authentic medicines and are entitled to exercise their due process rights to have their personal property free from undue and unjustified seizure or destruction by any governmental agency unless the seizing authority can demonstrate via established judicial processes and to courts that such seizures are of bogus, counterfeit or unsafe prescription medicines.

Article Five (Public Interest): Americans are significant contributors to the development of research and development costs of new medicines through their tax dollars in support of grants to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and, as such, should be protected from unfair or questionable patent protection granted to Pharma that fails to recognize the rights of American citizens. Abuses in pricing, illegal business activities, or undue influence upon policy-making by the FDA or elected officials should result in a reduction of the patent protection afforded Pharma to the detriment of untold numbers of Americans who must be able to pay what Pharma believes the traffic will bear.

Article Six (Reciprocity): The FDA should extend reciprocity to other Tier One countries in the interests of the health of American citizens. The majority of brand name prescription medicines sold to Americans is manufactured at plants outside the U.S., under FDA supervision, or at plants licensed by Pharma members to produce medicines under a license granted by a particular company, a validation that medicines produced outside the U.S. and sold in this country are indeed capable of being safe. Also, the FDA has entered into agreements with regulatory agencies in many countries to assume the task of overseeing ingredients manufacture of ingredients for brand name medicines. Added to that is that many countries (excluding the U.S and the FDA) have reciprocal agreements (Memorandums of Understanding) that one country will accept the medications produced in another country as safe and authentic.

"It is time to elect persons who will act on behalf of the health needs of the American public, not the special interests of Pharma," Hines says. "By so doing, immediate relief can be offered for what are now the highest prescription medicine prices in the world."

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