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NH Senate Democrats File Comprehensive Prescription Drug Reform Package

CONCORD—Today, Senate Democrats filed a comprehensive package of prescription drug reform initiatives that will make prescription medication more affordable and more accessible as well as increase accountability for pharmaceutical companies and pharmacy benefit managers. The package includes efforts to:

- Establish the Prescription Drug Affordability & Access Act of 2020 (importation of low-cost Rx drugs from Canada, like Maine and Vermont have done) – prime sponsor Senator Dan Feltes (D-Concord)
- Expand drug pricing transparency and establish the New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board – prime sponsor Senator Tom Sherman (D-Rye)
- Address rebates paid to pharmacy benefit managers – prime sponsor Senator Cindy Rosenwald (D-Nashua)
- Prohibit prescription drug price gouging – prime sponsor Senator Fuller Clark (D-Portsmouth)

Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes stated, “It’s incumbent upon every elected official to do all we can to address skyrocketing prescription drug prices that are hurting New Hampshire’s hard-working families and senior citizens living on fixed incomes. We look forward to working with Democrats and Republicans to shepherd these critical reforms through the Legislature.”

“No Granite Stater should be forced to choose between their physical health and their financial health,” added **Senator Fuller Clark**. “Unfortunately, that is often the case because drug manufacturers and wholesalers have been allowed to operate without accountability for pricing. It’s far past time to reform this broken system.”

“By allowing the wholesale importation of prescription medicine, establishing a prescription drug affordability board, increasing transparency in prescription drug pricing, and better regulating pharmacy benefit managers, this comprehensive package of legislation will provide long overdue relief for people in New Hampshire struggling to afford skyrocketing prescription drug costs,” said **Senator Cindy Rosenwald**.

Senator Tom Sherman concluded, “As a physician, I’ve seen the direct negative impact increased prescription drug costs have on my patients. I look forward to working with advocates and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make prescription medication more affordable and more accessible for New Hampshire residents.”

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