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AIR340B Statement on Energy & Commerce Committee's Continued Probe into the 340B Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 12, 2017) - The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) applauds House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy (R-PA) for continuing their probe into the 340B drug discount program. Last Friday, the committee leaders [sent letters](#) to a variety of covered entities participating in the 340B drug discount program, inquiring about how these institutions calculate program savings and use them to help serve patients in their communities. AIR340B issued the following statement:

“AIR340B is pleased to see Congress’ continued commitment to examining the 340B drug discount program. This vital program has gone off track in the years since it was established, and there is evidence to suggest the benefits some 340B hospitals reap from this program do not support vulnerable or uninsured communities as intended. As the program currently stands, the Health Resources and Services Administration has limited access to how hospitals use program benefits. We look forward to seeing the responses to Committee Chairman Walden and Subcommittee Chairman Murphy’s letters and hope to gain further insight into how exactly these hospitals are using the program.”

The Committee sent letters to the following 340B covered entities: ARcare, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Cook Area Health Services, Duke University Health System, Emory Healthcare, Erlanger Health System, Grady Memorial Hospital, Heartland Regional Medical Center, Hudson Headwaters Health Network, Intermountain Healthcare, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Mission Health NC, Northern Nevada HOPES, Northern Nevada HIV Outpatient Program, Northside Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center, Parkland Health and Hospital System, UCSF Medical Center, and University of Washington Medical Center.

To see the Committee’s full press release and find out more, [click here](#).

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The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR 340B) is a coalition of patient advocacy groups, clinical care providers, and biopharmaceutical innovators dedicated to reforming and strengthening the 340B program to ensure it directly supports access to outpatient prescription medicines for uninsured indigent patients. www.340Breform.org