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AIR340B Coalition Shares Concerns over West Virginia Bill That Puts Profits Over Vulnerable Patients

CHARLESTON, WV – The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) issued the following statement regarding West Virginia Senate Bill 325 (SB 325), a bill that would accelerate the unchecked growth of 340B contract pharmacies in the 340B program:

“SB 325 places profits over West Virginia patients by empowering chain pharmacies to profit off a federal safety-net program.

Since 2010, the number of contract pharmacies has grown by [2,400%](#). Historically weak federal oversight of 340B contract pharmacies has allowed companies like Walgreens and CVS to turn huge profits from a program designed to be a true safety net for patients. 340B-contracted pharmacies captured [\\$10 billion](#) in program funds in 2023 alone – funds that should have lowered patient prescription costs, but instead padded the bottom lines of these for-profit entities.

SB 325 would be an enormous step in the wrong direction. Federal reform should be aimed at ensuring the program is serving patients, not supporting the financial interests of large hospital systems and for-profit pharmacies. This is what West Virginia patients deserve, and it’s what is needed to preserve this vital safety net program.”

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The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) 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.