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AIR340B Coalition Applauds Congress For Introducing 340B PAUSE Act

Bipartisan Legislation Will Increase Federal Oversight and Patient Access to 340B Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 21, 2017) -- Today, the Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) Coalition released the following statement in response to the introduction of H.R. 4710, the "340B Protecting Access for the Underserved and Safety-Net Entities Act":

"The AIR340B Coalition applauds Representatives Larry Bucshon (IN-08) and Scott Peters (CA-52) for introducing legislation, the "340B PAUSE Act," that would enable HRSA to collect the data necessary to better oversee the program and take an important step toward restoring the program's integrity and original mission – ensuring it is benefiting patients in need.

"This legislation would pause the rapid expansion of 340B by temporarily freezing the number of DSH hospitals participating in the program, many of which have been misusing 340B and the profits generated by it to pad their bottom lines. At the same time, it allows truly vulnerable rural hospitals and grantees to continue participating in the program with no changes.

"It is long past time that changes were made to the 340B program, and we strongly encourage members of Congress to support and implement this legislation without delay."

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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