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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) Coalition issued the following statement in response to Nebraska Legislative Bill 168 (LB 168), legislation that would allow for continued unchecked growth of for-profit contract pharmacies in the 340B program:

"AIR340B strongly opposes LB 168, which would enable further exploitation of the 340B program in Nebraska. The explosive growth of contract pharmacies in the 340B program allows hospitals, large pharmacy chains and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to profit at the expense of the vulnerable patients the program is meant to serve.

LB 168 would permit continued unchecked profiteering by contract pharmacies in the 340B program without holding bad actors in the program accountable. Nebraska lawmakers must reconsider this legislation that would allow hospitals and for-profit corporations to continue leaving patients in need behind."

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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. To learn more, visit <u>www.340breform.org</u>.