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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) Coalition issued the following statement in response to North Dakota House Bill 1473 (HB 1473), legislation that would allow for the continued unchecked growth of for-profit contract pharmacies in the 340B program:

“AIR340B strongly opposes HB 1473, which would enable further exploitation of the 340B program in North Dakota. 340B hospitals are raising prices at the expense of the vulnerable patients the program is meant to serve. A recent [study](#) by the North Dakota Insurance Commissioner found lacking transparency around other patient costs as well, putting all patients at a disadvantage, lacking access to information about prices to enable them to be smart consumers of health care.

HB 1473 would permit continued unchecked profiteering by 340B hospitals and other entities in the 340B program without holding bad actors in the program accountable. North Dakota lawmakers must reconsider this legislation that would allow hospitals 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 www.340breform.org.