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AIR340B Coalition Applauds Reintroduction of 340B ACCESS Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Alliance for Integrity and Reform of 340B (AIR340B) Coalition issued the following statement in response to the recently reintroduced 340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-Net (340B ACCESS) Act:

“AIR340B applauds Representatives Buddy Carter and Diana Harshbarger for reintroduction of the 340B ACCESS Act to help stop large, tax-exempt hospitals and their for-profit partners from continuing to profit from the 340B program at the expense of patients. The 340B hospital markup program is now the second-largest federal prescription drug program, but it operates with little oversight or accountability to ensure patients benefit. Instead, big 340B hospitals and for-profit corporations are enriching themselves with program discounts, driving up costs for patients, employers and taxpayers. The reintroduction of the 340B ACCESS Act represents an important milestone towards addressing significant 340B abuses and getting the program back on track.

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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 vulnerable patients. www.340breform.org.