

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 2, 2017

The Honorable James Mattis  
Secretary of Defense  
Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Mattis,

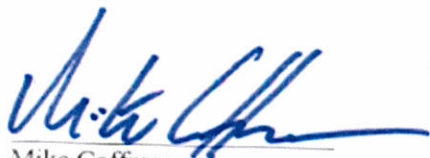
We, the undersigned members of the House of Representatives, are writing to urge you to implement the TRICARE Acquisition Cost Parity Pilot Program for Retail Pharmacy as included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). We believe this is a sensible approach that could reduce TRICARE costs while improving choice for access to prescription drugs for beneficiaries.

As you know, the pilot program allows the military to realize the maximum voluntary manufacturer discounts on brand name prescription medications at all filling locations, which now includes retail pharmacies. In addition to reducing the drug acquisition cost for the program, the pilot could also create savings to the government through the lower administrative costs for the dispensing of prescriptions at retail pharmacies.

We urge you to ensure the Defense Health Agency works with the pharmaceutical manufacturers and the retail pharmacies to swiftly implement this TRICARE pilot, and we are confident the pilot will reduce the prescription drug costs for Department of Defense (DoD), expand TRICARE beneficiary choice and access to prescription drugs in the retail pharmacy setting, and streamline the DoD administrative and prescription drug rebate processes.

If you choose to implement the pilot program, the FY2017 NDAA requires that the program be commenced on October 1, 2017. That is why we hope you begin the process of implementing the pilot program as soon as possible.

Thank you for your service to our country, and we look forward to working with you to implement this important pilot program.



Mike Coffman  
Member of Congress

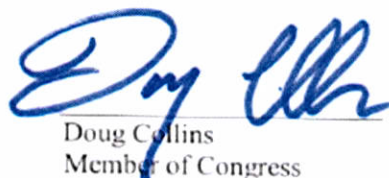
Sincerely,



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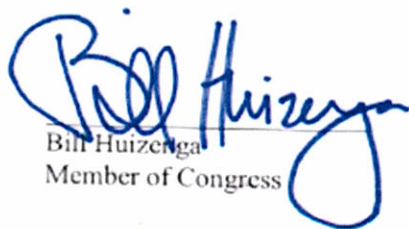
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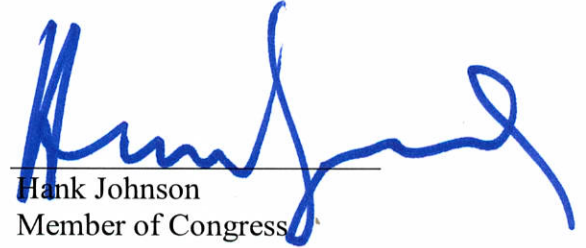
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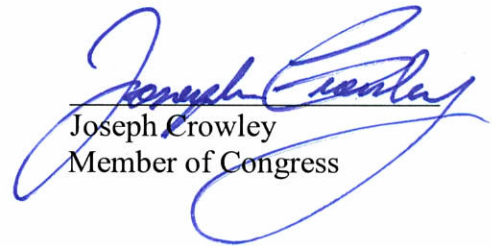
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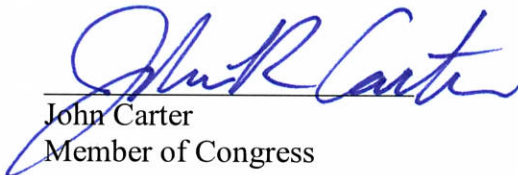
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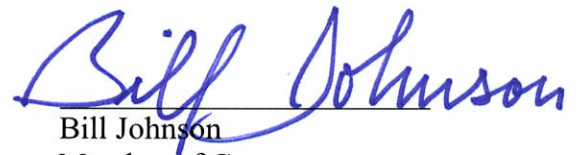
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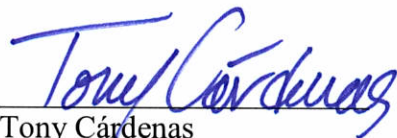
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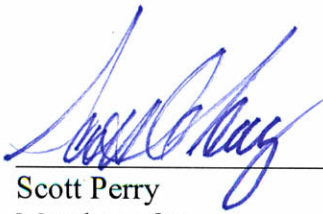


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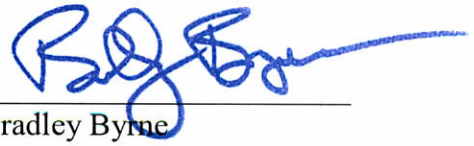


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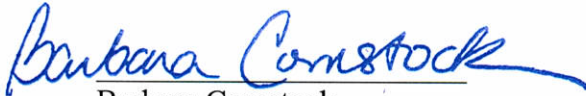




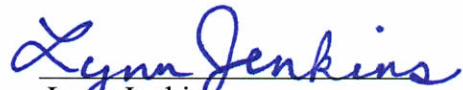
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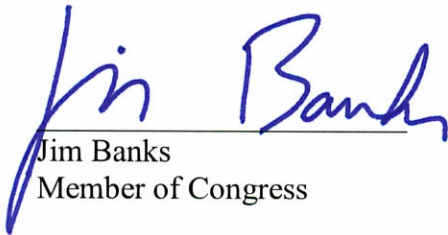
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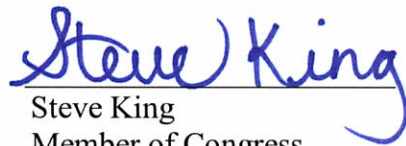
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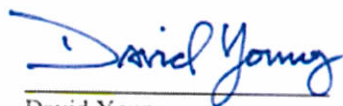
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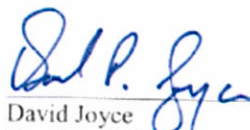
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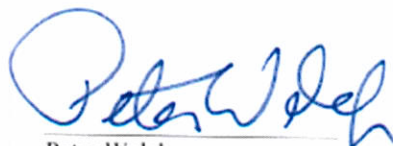
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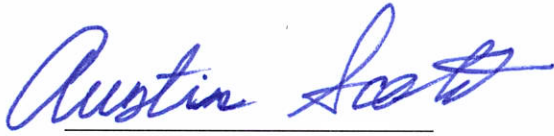
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Austin Scott  
Member of Congress