



**Washington, D.C. (May 22, 2021)** – The National Hispanic Medical Association released the following statement in response to the reintroduction of H.R. 3, The Lower Drug Costs Now Act:

“As physicians, we have deep concerns that the recently proposed legislation would limit physician’s ability to provide the most vulnerable patients access to lifesaving treatments and therapies. By pegging drug prices to the average price in six other developed countries, lawmakers would institute draconian penalties that threaten future innovation and import access restrictions instead of proposing targeted, common-sense ideas, such as out-of-pocket caps, that could improve affordability.

Furthermore, the repeal of Medicare Part D’s non-interference clause could drastically alter the medications available for patients under the program, changing current treatment regimens in the process. On behalf of the 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the U.S., NHMA urges Congress to abandon H.R. 3 and leave healthcare decisions up to the patient and provider.”