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## **GRANGE: New Medicare Part D proposal based on flawed data, will hurt rural consumers**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – On Friday, September 20, 2019, the National Grange issued the following statement regarding changes outlined in House Speaker Pelosi’s H.R. 3 drug pricing package:

“Every day, rural Americans encounter a multitude of obstacles when it comes to accessing basic health care and treatments. Unfortunately, this new proposal does nothing to address the challenges facing these patients and instead favors sweeping reforms to Medicare Part D and government price-setting based on flawed value assessments and prices from countries where patient access is already restricted.

“Though it’s encouraging that legislators continue to explore solutions to health care costs, any changes that place government savings over a patient’s ability to access the most effective care is simply not the answer. Congress must ensure that any approved changes address patient affordability issues today but also preserve and improve our health care system to better meet future patient needs. Medicare Part D works and is popular among our members. Let’s fix what’s broken, not redesign the vehicle. We urge policymakers to reject harmful Medicare restructuring and price setting proposals and focus on solutions that more directly improves patient care and affordability.”



Since 1867, the National Grange has brought individuals and families together to support their communities and advocate on behalf of rural America and agriculture. Our nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization, which celebrated 150 years of service in 2017, has more than 150,000 members throughout the country. The history of our Order is rich with stories of generations of Grangers across more than 40,000 communities, serving others and developing leadership and other personal skills. Today, the Grange is a major benefactor to more than 2,000 communities in which local chapters reside, and our members provide millions of hours of service and dollars in funds to support the needs of their hometowns identified through our grassroots process.

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