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WASHINGTON, D.C. – May 4, 2021. The following is a statement from Dr. Krishnan Narasimhan, President and Board Chair of Doctors for America, on the reintroduction of H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act:

Doctors for America applauds recent moves by Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden administration that demonstrate their commitment to addressing the cost of prescription drugs. Our members witness and experience the devastating impact of high drug costs every day in exam rooms and hospitals across the country. Now is time to act to alleviate the burden on our patients.

The recent reintroduction of provisions of H.R. 3 was particularly welcome news to our network. The passage of these provisions is a necessary first step for protecting patients who are increasingly suffering from high prescription drug costs.

As multiple plans are launched and formed, Doctors for America urges the Biden administration to include these H.R. 3 provisions, as well as additional healthcare measures, in his American Families Plan; ideally, this would include provisions that curb the price of existing drugs through Medicare negotiation, make negotiated prices available to the uninsured, ensure reasonable launch prices, and reinvest the savings that result from drug pricing legislation into Medicare by lowering the eligibility age and adding vision, hearing, and dental benefits. These sorts of bold steps would have a profound and positive impact on the health of our patients, and it's imperative that legislators put #PatientsOverPolitics and include these provisions as plans for legislation move forward.

About Doctors for America

Doctors for America mobilizes doctors and medical students to be leaders in putting patients over politics to improve the health of our patients, communities, and nation. We are 20,00021,000 physicians and medical students in all 50 states in representing all areas of specialization. Our impact areas focus on access to affordable care, community health and prevention, and health justice and equity. Find out more at doctorsforamerica.org and on Twitter [@drsforamerica](https://twitter.com/drsforamerica).

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