

May 2024 Comments on Select Drug(s) for Cost Review Study



May 13, 2024

Chair Mitchell, Members of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, and Staff;

The skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs is a growing issue for members of our congregations and communities. We, the leadership of the undersigned congregations, daily witness the effects of the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs for our congregations and communities.

During your cost review process please take into consideration that drugs do not work if people cannot afford them. We hear that the costs are so high because of the resourced needed to invent these drugs, yet we know that drug corporations spend billions more on advertising and self-enriching activities than they do on research and development. Meanwhile health inequities based on race, ethnicity, disability and place of residence persist throughout our communities. As you undertake the cost review process we urge you consider how you may help reduce health disparities in management of chronic conditions and access to medications.

We appreciate your work and pray that you will act swiftly so that after you begin to address costs for state and local governments we can work to expand the Board's authority to make high-cost prescription drugs for all. It is a moral imperative.

Sincerely,

The undersigned members of the Baltimore area faith community.

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| TITLE | NAME | CONGREGATION |
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| Pastor | Gwen Evans-Chinn | Greater Faith Baptist Church 3000 Huntingdon Ave. #111 |
| Reverend | Jacqueline Williams | S. C. C. |
| Faith Community Nurse Rev. | Angela T. Burden | New Metropolitan Baptist Church |
| Rev. Lth | Leland Boulton | Greater Liberty man |
| | Gwendolyn Pettigrew | Greater Harvest Baptist Church |
| Rev. | Gail Greer | New Christian Memorial Church |
| Bishop | Reginald Zeman | Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church 3100 Walbrook Av. #1216 |

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| TITLE | NAME | CONGREGATION |
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| Pastor | Kern English | Open Bible church |
| Asst. Minister | Nilla Garner | Saint Paul Baptist |
| Rev. Dr. | Eva Sapp | MPBC |
| Elder | Mary W. Lucas | New Faith C.C. Church |
| Pastor | Paul Lee | New Bethlehem F.W.B. Church |
| Elder | Jacqueline J. James | Mt. Calvary F.W.B. Church & Ministries Baltimore, Md. 21213 |
| Pastor | Danny Bellamy | Unity Tabernacle of God 2314 Annapolis Rd Balto. Md. 21230 |
| Pastor | Jack White | Greater Faith Exp. 3000 Huntington Ave 21211 |

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| Min. | Barbara Kluffie | Hospiel Tabernacle Baptist Church |
| Rev. | Helen Mayo | Gillis |
| REV | CARMEL WASHINGTON FLOOD | St. Timothy's Christian Baptist |
| Min | Jewel Wilson | Mt Calvary CC |
| | Jeffrey Lightfoot | Silas First Baptist Church |
| Rev Dr. | Sandra Connor | Shepherd's Heart |
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| Elder | Sylvester J. Seeks Sirkhar J. Stokes | Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church |
| Pastor | EJ. Rice | New Christian Church |
| Pastor | Lorenzo Maddox | Prince of Peace Baptist Church 5100 West Lafayette Ave 21217 |
| C. Adams | | |
| Pastor | 6008 Old Hempfield Rd Baltimore MD 21214 Pastor G. O. Ahi | Deeper Life Bible Church Baltimore |
| Asst Pastor | James L. Lightfoot, Jr | Highrock Baptist Church |
| Pastor | Henry N. Lightfoot | High Rock Baptist Church |

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| TITLE | NAME | CONGREGATION |
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| Pastor | Jesse G. Young | Silas First Baptist of Severna Park |
| Pastor | Cleveland A. Mason III | Parkway Square Baptist |
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