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The Honorable Greg Treat
Oklahoma State Senate
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The Honorable Kim David
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Cc: Members of the Oklahoma State Senate

Re: Oppose Senate Bill 734 -- An Act relating to prescription drugs

Dear Senate President Pro Tempore Treat and Senate Majority Floor Leader David:

On behalf of FreedomWorks and the activists we represent in Oklahoma, thank you for your continued work on behalf of the state. As strong advocates of federalism and believers in the critical functions of state and local government, we understand that effective leadership in cities across the country -- not just in Washington, D.C. -- is critical to advancing freedom.

We write today in strong opposition to [Oklahoma Senate Bill 734](#), which would sacrifice market principles that have allowed our nation to prosper for centuries, in exchange for government-set rates -- or price controls -- in the prescription drug space, based on the price of drugs in Canada. While we understand and are actively seeking solutions to the rising cost of prescription drugs in our country, imposing an international pricing index in the state of Oklahoma would only serve to exacerbate the problem -- risking shortages and limiting necessary research and development.

Senate Bill 734 is similar in nature to [U.S House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's drug pricing bill H.R. 3](#), a Democrat-only bill which passed last year almost entirely on party-lines. It also draws from [self-avowed socialist Senator Bernie Sanders' \(I-Vt.\) S. 102](#), which, like Senate Bill 734, directly ties the price of prescription drugs to those drugs' prices in other countries, including Canada.

Mirroring the radically leftist policies of central planning in healthcare, which have [decimated the healthcare systems of countries abroad](#), is definitively the wrong direction to take healthcare policy in our country, built on principles of free markets and rejection of government overreach.

Specifically, Senate Bill 734 would undercut private companies' latitude to innovate as needed which has kept our country as the global leader in advancing modern medicine. Giving the government the authority to set rates implicitly prescribes the government the authority to decide which medicine is worth investing in, and in turn, who is or is not worthy of healthcare.

Ultimately, it puts our healthcare system further down the road towards full government control of healthcare, which creates life-threatening shortages of the very medicines that the authors of Senate Bill 734 seek to lower the price of. Instead, turning further to policies such as rebate

reform that embrace the principles of free markets and competition is the correct -- and the most effective -- way to lower the rising out-of-pocket costs of prescription drugs.

We hope you will join alongside us and our activists in Oklahoma in opposing Senate Bill 734. A list of 190 activists, broken down by ZIP and district, who oppose SB 734 can be found below.

Respectfully,

Adam Brandon
President, FreedomWorks

FreedomWorks Oklahoma Activists

First Name	Last Initial	ZIP Code	Senate District
Sandy	B	74331	1
Stephen	C	74354	1
Marge	H	74361	1
Libby	M	74361	1
David	R	74354	1
William	T	74019	2
Larry	B	74960	3
Louise	C	74344	3
Robin	N	74960	3
Lewis	S	74451	3
Shad	T	74931	3
Brenda	N	74966	4
Bruce	P	74902	4
Mindy	W	74955	4
Anna	C	74754	5
Larinda	M	74543	5
Jennifer	A	74701	6
Gregg	E	74701	6
Kathy	B	74941	7
John	F	74442	7
Carrol	L	74501	7
Ann	O	74501	7
Michael	P	74501	7
Kelley	P	74501	7
Michael	V	74442	7
Holly	E	74859	8
Krista	P	74421	8

Michael	R	74447	8
Jerry	S	74437	8
Dedra	T	74445	8
Angela	B	74601	10
Bruce	L	74604	10
Jonathan	E	74110	11
Judy	B	74066	12
Pamela	G	74131	12
Millie	H	74066	12
Rick	P	74008	12
Tony	W	74066	12
William	B	74820	13
Taylor	C	74871	13
Lea	F	74820	13
Richard	S	73057	13
Lloyd	W	74878	13
Lana	B	73086	14
Gary	B	73453	14
Kristal	B	73430	14
Dan	C	73030	14
Paige	H	73086	14
Dale	R	73448	14
Retha	R	73401	14
Kristina	S	73401	14
Raymond	A	73072	15
Cindy	A	74857	15
Mary	B	73072	15
Cindy	B	73160	15
Connie	H	73072	15
Karen	K	73072	15
Darrel	S	74857	15
Karen	C	73068	16
Sandra	W	73068	16
Neil	B	73045	17
Allen	B	74804	17
Tammy	D	73045	17
Ty	E	73020	17
Timothy	H	73020	17
Connie	J	74851	17
Jerry	M	73045	17
Laureen	M	74857	17

MiMi	R	74804	17
Robert	W	73020	17
Jerry	W	74801	17
Robin	W	73045	17
Gary	L	74434	18
David	S	74014	18
Kimberly	K	73703	19
Cindy	B	74020	20
Pam	J	73044	20
Chris	K	73077	20
Robert	T	73044	20
Marla	E	74074	21
Cynthia	G	74059	21
Maggie	Q	74075	21
Alicia	L	73099	22
Stephanie	N	73012	22
Marty	N	73099	22
Evelyn	P	73012	22
Mike	G	73018	23
Steven	J	73089	23
John	R	73004	23
Lynda	W	73089	23
Larry	M	73170	24
Brenda	H	74008	25
Marty	L	74133	25
Andrew	P	74133	25
George A.	C	73644	26
Teresa	F	73644	26
Dawn	C	73801	27
Steven	M	73951	27
Gail	W	73737	27
Terry	W	73801	27
Frederick	L	74840	28
Susan	M	74840	28
William	S	74873	28
Rhonda	S	74873	28
Nancy	S	74864	28
David	A	74022	29
Jan	B	74016	29
Sharon	W	74061	29
Larry	B	73505	31

Karen Jo	H	73505	31
Debra	M	73501	31
David	A	73527	32
Ricky	C	73505	32
Daniel	C	73505	32
Charles	C	73501	32
Pamela	G	73505	32
Betty	H	73552	32
Patrick	J	73527	32
Keith	M	73505	32
Hedy	B	74011	33
Karl	L	74012	33
Robert	N	74047	33
Linda	S	74145	33
Linda	E	74133	34
Tracy	H	74055	34
Wayne	M	74055	34
Brandy	N	74128	34
SaRae'	P	74021	34
Ronald	P	74055	34
Carol	R	74055	34
Becky	S	74055	34
Janice	W	74055	34
Roy	F	74128	34
Donna	B	74105	35
Sharon	D	74136	35
Lois	G	74105	35
Sydney	T	74137	35
Charlyn	H	74014	36
Doug	L	74014	36
Rebecca Ann	N	74012	36
David	B	74107	37
Ryan	C	74063	37
Vance	H	74050	37
James	B	73521	38
Trinity	S	73096	38
Sandra	S	73521	38
Thelma	W	73526	38
Julia	F	74136	39
Peggy	H	74136	39
Bill	M	74135	39

Kenneth	B	73127	40
Marian	H	73122	40
Jeannette	M	73118	40
Diana	P	73107	40
JoRita	C	73034	41
Kathleen	M	73049	41
Mary	M	73013	41
Don	P	73013	41
Marcia	R	73013	41
Kacy	V	73034	41
Rebecca	B	73115	42
Jeffrey	B	73130	42
Clarice	H	73020	42
Nancy	K	73110	42
Damien	P	73130	42
Tammy	S	73130	42
Linda	B	73065	43
Debra	F	73055	43
Laquanah	G	73019	43
Lucy	H	73533	43
Robert	J	73533	43
Patty	K	73533	43
Deborah	P	73533	43
James	P	73533	43
Greg	S	73080	43
Rodney	S	73052	43
BT	J	73099	44
Becky	A	73129	45
William	E	73064	45
Donna	E	73099	45
Nancy	S	73099	45
Linda	F	73119	46
Tammy	B	73162	47
Sue	C	73132	47
Beverly K.	F	73162	47
Donna	S	73134	47
David	T	73162	47
Deloris	E	73141	48
Margaret	M	73114	48
Randy	P	73084	48