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Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell,

I am disappointed that the year-end spending package, a wide-ranging bill that impacts a variety of policies, fails to meaningfully address the number one concern of our constituents — rising prescription drug and health care costs. While the spending package does include the CREATES Act (S. 340), which will reduce unfair barriers to market entry for lower-priced generic drugs, it is critical that Congress consider a more robust and holistic package of consumer health care protections.

Congress must use all available opportunities to prioritize patients' needs over health care industry profits. I urge you to prioritize addressing the high cost of prescription drugs and surprise medical bills in the next congressional session.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator