

# Press Release

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### STATEMENT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN BALDWIN ON VICTORY IN DRUG REIMPORTATION DEBATE

WASHINGTON...“Last night’s vote was a real victory for seniors and consumers in the ongoing struggle for lower prescription drug costs. This was clearly a case of the pharmaceutical industry versus the people, and the people won.”

“American seniors pay 30% to 300% more for prescription drugs than consumers in other industrialized nations. Until we get a fair, comprehensive prescription drug benefit under Medicare, seniors will need to try every avenue possible – including reimporting drugs from other nations – to afford the medicines they need.”

“Opponents of allowing drug reimportation tried scare tactics to falsely imply these drugs were not safe. Reimported drugs will be required to use counterfeit resistant packaging to ensure their safety. The real threat to public health is the fact that 30% of seniors do not fill prescriptions because they can’t afford the cost. In spite of the drug industry’s efforts to scare America’s seniors, last night was a victory for consumers, and an important step in the effort to bring down the cost of prescription drugs.”

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