Canada's Drug Supply is Under Threat



Facing growing health care costs, many state governments in the United States have passed or are considering legislation to allow for importation of cheaper Canadian medications.



Vermont, Colorado, Florida and Maine—with a combined population of 28 million—have all

authorized imports. At least 16 other U.S. states are considering such laws.



Lowering drug prices for many Americans - including our great seniors! At my direction, [HHS Secretary Azar] just released a Safe Importation Action Plan.

President Trump: Twitter, July 31, 2019



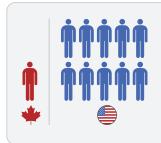
Why This Matters



Canada already faces at least 2,000 drug shortages in key therapeutic areas, including cancer, diabetes, and epilepsy¹



Drug shortages may drive Canadians to access medicines through illegal online sources that distribute counterfeit, unapproved or substandard meds.



The U.S. population, and demand for medicines, is 10 times that of Canada²



If only 10% of all U.S. prescriptions were filled from Canada, Canada's supply of medicines would run out in only 224 days³

To protect Canada's supply of medicines and Canadian patients' access, the federal government must take action now to prevent U.S. importation plans.

¹Drug Shortages Canada website. Retrieved Nov. 15, 2019: https://www.drugshortagescanada.ca/rws-search?perform=1

North America Population in 2019. Retrieved Nov. 15, 2019; http://worldpopulationreview.com/continents/north-america/

³Marv Shepperd. 2010. "The Effect of US Pharmaceutical Drug Importation on the Canadian Pharmaceutical Supply": https://journals.sage-pub.com/doi/abs/10.3821/1913-701X-143.5.226