

Advancing Innovation, Access, & Excellence in American Healthcare



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Congressman Gregory Murphy
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Dear Dr. Murphy,

We both came to Congress to put patients first and enact meaningful policies that improve healthcare access and lower costs for patients. That's what our years together in the Doctors Caucus were about. It's so important to have doctors at the table when considering healthcare policy, and I am thrilled you continue that hard work in Congress.

Today, I write in support of the Every Dollar Counts Act (H.R. 8270). This is exactly the kind of common-sense legislation that will provide real relief for patients and create the transparency and competition our healthcare system needs.

Cash-pay platforms, like TrumpRx, are giving patients options they haven't had before. A patient can see the price of a medication up front, compare it to what their plan would charge, and get it without waiting on a prior authorization or a formulary review. Americans for Health Excellence has heard from patients who turn to these platforms when their insurer denies a medication, allowing them to continue treatment while they appeal instead of going without care.

When a patient can shop around and find a better price, it saves that patient money. We both know firsthand how important affordability is to medication adherence and patients' health. It's unfortunate that we punish patients for doing this.

What's worse, patients pay a premium every month expecting their plan to start sharing costs once they've spent enough out of pocket. When a cash-pay purchase isn't credited toward that threshold, patients end up paying twice—once for the medication, and again through a premium.

Your bill fixes that by requiring insurers to credit those purchases like any other. This matters for the patients who need it most, particularly those managing chronic conditions or paying for high-cost specialty drugs.

National polling of 2,000 likely voters, commissioned by Americans for Health Excellence and conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, found that 83% support requiring cash-pay prescription purchases to count toward a patient's deductible and out-of-pocket maximum. That includes 88% of Republicans, 79% of Democrats, and 81% of Independents. Very few issues poll that consistently across party lines.

The Every Dollar Counts Act deserves to become law, and Americans for Health Excellence is committed to supporting your efforts. Patients have waited long enough for this fix, and you're the right doctor to deliver it.

With respect and gratitude for your leadership, and for your friendship,

Brad Wenstrup, DPM
Executive Director, Americans for Health Excellence

Polling conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, March 10–14, 2026. National survey of 2,000 likely general election voters. Margin of error $\pm 2.2\%$ at the 95% confidence interval.