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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about drug profiteering. Our country has the world's best biological research ranging from very basic science to effective drug therapies. The fruits of these labors however are poorly distributed resulting in destructive incentives. The incentives for creating markets have contributed to the opioid epidemic as illustrated by this weeks suspension of Morris and Dickson and have created incentives for doctors to prescribe based on patient demand after direct marketing or even personal profit rather than patient outcomes. The incentives twist sales with extreme pricing more related to demand curves than manufacturing capacity with epipen the best known example. You campaigned on a promise of shifting these incentives and the February pricing change for Medicare shows that it is possible but there is heavy lobbying for the status quo.

Please assure me that you will cut drug prices.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our healthy society.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson