

The Savvy Senior by Carol Martin

Last week, I talked about Congress' idea to allow seniors to buy their drugs from Canada.

This week, here's the position of United Seniors: There are ways for consumers to immediately lower the costs of prescription medicines.

Too many politicians are encouraging more unelected bureaucrats, more intrusive regulations, and non-solutions like "reimportation of drugs from Canada."

How can we immediately lower the cost of prescription medicines?

1. Immediately end the Lawyer Tax that is on every bottle of prescription medicines manufactured and sold in the U.S.A.

The insane, but very real threat of massive, limitless lawsuits must now be priced into every prescription medicine in America.

Ending the Lawyers Tax could immediately provide a massive discount on every prescription medicine in America.

2. Immediately remove unnecessary federal regulations that artificially create interminable delays in the approval process of breakthrough, life-saving, and innovative medicines.

Today, it costs \$800 million just to bring a new drug to the marketplace. Costs like that reduce competition, which would lower prices, and also create barriers to medical innovation.

3. Expand citizen awareness about already-existing deep discounts on prescription drugs available in the U.S.A.

The fake solution of "reimportation of drugs" from other countries would only do damage and harm.

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- 1. How many coronets followed the 76 trombones in "The Music Man"?
2. What kind of board was hot in 1961 and re-kindled four years later?
3. What make of piano did Liberace play on his 1950s TV show?
4. What Greek letter was incorporated in the green ecology flag?
5. What song did Joan Baez sing to end the first evening's concert at Woodstock? Answers: 1. 110; 2. The skateboard; 3. Baldwin; 4. Theta; 5. "We Shall Overcome."

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