

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, et al.,	:	
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Relators,	:	Case No. _____
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v.	:	Original Action Under Article II,
	:	Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution
Ohioans for Drug Price Relief Act, et al.,	:	
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Respondents.	:	

**APPENDIX 23
TO
CHALLENGE TO INITIATIVE PETITION
UNDER ARTICLE II, SECTION 1g OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION**

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served via personal service on

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EXHIBIT M-11

(Part 11 of the Part-Petitions from the Lucas County Board of Elections)

Number: _____

County: WOOD COUNTY

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000341

INITIATIVE PETITION

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly.

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

064343

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1. Signature <i>Danny Jones</i>	Print First Name	<i>Danny</i>	Initial	<i>S</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>JONES</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>480 Cantland Ave.</i>				
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<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43609</i>	<i>LUCAS</i>	<i>10-16-15</i>

2. Signature <i>Larry Hennenman</i>	Print First Name	<i>LARRY</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Hennenman</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1109 Calton St</i>				
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<i>Toledo</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>43609</i>	<i>LUCAS</i>	<i>10-16-15</i>

3. Signature <i>Fred KASTEN</i>	Print First Name	<i>FRED KASTEN</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>KASTEN</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1547 EATON DR</i>				
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<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43614</i>	<i>LUCAS</i>	<i>10/16/15</i>

4. Signature <i>Bred Bolley</i>	Print First Name	<i>BRED</i>	Initial	<i>B</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Bolley</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2411 16th</i>				
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<i>Toledo OH</i>		<i>43601</i>	<i>LUCAS</i>	<i>10-16-15</i>

5. Signature <i>Margaret Grethen</i>	Print First Name	<i>Margaret</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Grethen</i>		

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<i>Toledo</i>		<i>43611</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>10/16/15</i>

6. Signature <i>James Moreland</i>	Print First Name	<i>JAMES</i>	Initial	<i>M</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Moreland</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>6416 Glenhurst Dr Apt 3</i>				
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<i>Maumee</i>		<i>43537</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>11/7/15</i>

7. Signature <i>Maulana Moreland</i>	Print First Name	<i>Maulana</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Moreland</i>		

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FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

Section 194.01

(A) Title.

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

(B) Findings and Declarations.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

(C) Purposes and Intent.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

(D) Drug Pricing.

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

(E) Liberal Construction.

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

(F) Severability.

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, JANETTE BERGOTT, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 7 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

DRW Campaigns, Inc.
3549 Dort Hwy
Flint Mi. 48507

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Janette Morgan Bergott
(Signed)

615 Cherry
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Toledo
City, Village or Township

Ohio
State

43604
Zip Code

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY
OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

Number: _____

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	Print Last Name <i>More</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>5745 W. Bridgeway</i>		
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County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-7-15</i>	

2. Signature <i>Jennifer Medley</i>	Print First Name <i>JENNIFER</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>MEDLEY</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1319 ROSEBENT AVE</i>		
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3. Signature <i>Barbara Smith</i>	Print First Name <i>Barbara</i>	Initial <i>B</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Smith</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3411 Gibraltar Heights</i>		
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4. Signature <i>Ewin Clark</i>	Print First Name <i>EWIN CLARK</i>	Initial <i>E</i>
	Print Last Name <i>CLARK</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4849 Ventura DR</i>		
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5. Signature <i>Pat Turner</i>	Print First Name <i>PAVE</i>	Initial <i>P</i>
	Print Last Name <i>TURNER</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>708 RANCH</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>
County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11-7-15</i>	

6. Signature <i>Wendy Wiggins</i>	Print First Name <i>WENDY WIGGINS</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>WIGGINS</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1201 Fernwood</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43607</i>
County <i>LUCAS</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/7/15</i>	

7. Signature <i>Tadfik Ologunde</i>	Print First Name <i>TADFIK</i>	Initial <i>T</i>
	Print Last Name <i>OLOGUNDE</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>11012 Heather st</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43608</i>
County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/7/15</i>	

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8. Signature <i>Ashli D. Kimbrough</i>	Print First Name <i>Ashli</i>	Initial <i>AD</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Kimbrough</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
844 Dorr St

City/Village/Township <i>Toledo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>43615</i>	County <i>Lucas</i>	Date of Signing <i>11/7/15</i>
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FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that the following chapter and section are added to Title I of the Revised Code.

Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

Section 194.01

(A) Title.

This Act shall be known as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" (the "Act").

(B) Findings and Declarations.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (1) Prescription drug costs have been, and continue to be, one of the greatest drivers of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (2) Nationally, prescription drug spending increased more than 800 percent between 1990 and 2013, making it one of the fastest growing segments of health care.
- (3) Spending on specialty medications, such as those used to treat HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and cancers, are rising faster than other types of medications. In 2014 alone, total spending on specialty medications increased by more than 23 percent.
- (4) The pharmaceutical industry's practice of charging inflated drug prices has resulted in pharmaceutical company profits exceeding those of even the oil and investment banking industries.
- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
- (6) Excessively priced drugs continue to be an unnecessary burden on Ohio taxpayers that ultimately results in cuts to health care services and providers for people in need.
- (7) Although Ohio has engaged in efforts to reduce prescription drug costs through rebates, drug manufacturers are still able to charge the State more than other government payers for the same medications, resulting in a dramatic imbalance that must be rectified.
- (8) If Ohio is able to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the amounts paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it would result in significant savings to Ohio and its taxpayers. This Act is necessary and appropriate to address these public concerns.

(C) Purposes and Intent.

The People of the State of Ohio hereby declare the following purposes and intent in enacting this Act:

- (1) To enable the State of Ohio to pay the same prices for prescription drugs as the prices paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, thus rectifying the imbalance among government payers.
- (2) To enable significant cost savings to Ohio and its taxpayers for prescription drugs, thus helping to stem the tide of rising health care costs in Ohio.
- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

(D) Drug Pricing.

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and insofar as may be permissible under federal law, neither the State of Ohio, nor any state department, agency or other state entity, including, but not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for a prescribed drug, unless the net cost of the drug, inclusive of cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The price ceiling described in subsection (1) above also shall apply to all programs where the State of Ohio or any state department, agency or other state entity is the ultimate payer for the drug, even if it did not purchase the drug directly. This includes, but is not limited to, the Ohio Best Rx Program and the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program. In addition to agreements for any cash discounts, free goods, volume discounts, rebates, or any other discounts or credits already in place for these programs, the responsible department, agency or entity shall enter into additional agreements with drug manufacturers for further price reductions so that the net cost of the drug, as determined by the purchasing department, agency or entity, is the same as or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) All state departments, agencies and other state entities that enter into one or more agreements with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of prescribed drugs or agreement to pay directly or indirectly for prescribed drugs shall implement this section no later than July 1, 2017.
- (4) Each such department, agency or other state entity, may adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of this section and may seek any waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (5) The General Assembly shall enact any additional laws and the Governor shall take any additional actions required to promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

(E) Liberal Construction.

This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

(F) Severability.

If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this Act are severable. If this Act and another law are approved by the voters at the same election with one or more conflicting provisions and this Act receives fewer votes, the non-conflicting provisions of this Act shall go into effect.

(G) Legal Defense.

If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act (“the Proponents”) have a direct and personal stake in defending this Act from constitutional or other challenges. In the event of a challenge, any one or more of the Act's Proponents shall be entitled to assert their direct and personal stake by defending the Act's validity in any court of law, including on appeal. The Proponents shall be indemnified by the State of Ohio for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending the validity of the challenged Act. In the event that the Act or any of its provisions or parts are held by a court of law, after exhaustion of any appeals, to be unenforceable as being in conflict with other statutory or constitutional provisions, the Proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the State of Ohio, but shall have no other personal liability to any person or entity.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, JEANNETTE BENNETT, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 8 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Jeannette Morgan Bennett
(Signed)

615 Cherry St. #9
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Toledo
City, Village or Township

Ohio
State

43604
Zip Code

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