

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, et al.,	:	
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Relators,	:	Case No. _____
	:	
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 25
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 N-2

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County: Mahoning 25

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1. Signature <i>John A. Riez</i>	Print First Name John A.	Initial
	Print Last Name Riez	
Address on file with the Board of Election 635 Ferndale Ave.		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct 6	Zip Code 44511
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/21/15	
2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Josh	Initial
	Print Last Name Hudson	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1417 Himrod Ave		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44506
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/21/15	
3. Signature <i>Gary A Sexton</i>	Print First Name Gary	Initial
	Print Last Name Sexton	
Address on file with the Board of Election 269 Medundo Road		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44504
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/21/15	
4. Signature <i>Sean Jaric</i>	Print First Name Sean	Initial M
	Print Last Name Jaric	
Address on file with the Board of Election 14617 Macklin Rd.		
City/Village/Township New Springfield	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44443
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/21/15	
5. Signature <i>Julia Conforto</i>	Print First Name Julia	Initial E
	Print Last Name Conforto	
Address on file with the Board of Election 3402 Wayside Dr.		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44502
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/21/15	
6. Signature <i>Christiana Bryant</i>	Print First Name Christiana	Initial
	Print Last Name Bryant	
Address on file with the Board of Election 301 E. Avenue		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44507
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/21/15	
7. Signature <i>Ann Hartson</i>	Print First Name Ann	Initial
	Print Last Name Hartson	
Address on file with the Board of Election 6665 Fairview Rd		
City/Village/Township Austintown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44515
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15. Signature <i>Patricia A Johnson</i>	Print First Name <i>Patricia</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Johnson</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
397 Redondo Road

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44504</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-21-2015</i>
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16. Signature <i>Odell J. Houston</i>	Print First Name <i>Odell</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Houston</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
893 Mathews Rd

City/Village/Township <i>Boardman</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-2015</i>
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17. Signature <i>Lakia Brooks</i>	Print First Name <i>Lakia</i>	Initial <i>S</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Brooks</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
440 Kendus Circle apt B

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>
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18. Signature <i>Jeresa E Lyke</i>	Print First Name <i>Jeresa</i>	Initial <i>E</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Lyke</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
129 Early Rd

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown Ohio</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>
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19. Signature <i>Kathy A. Tarver</i>	Print First Name <i>KATHY</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>TARVER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
4461 South Avenue APT 1

City/Village/Township <i>Boardman Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>MAHONING</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>
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20. Signature <i>Rocky Rocky</i>	Print First Name <i>Rocky Rocky</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Pitocin Pitocin</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
578 West Walnut

City/Village/Township <i>Lowellville</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44436</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/22/15</i>
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21. Signature <i>Unigae Hopkins</i>	Print First Name <i>Unigae</i>	Initial <i>H</i>
	Print Last Name <i>HOPKINS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1044 Manhattan

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44509</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-2015</i>
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22. Signature <i>Timothy L. Bowser</i>	Print First Name TIMMY	Initial L
	Print Last Name Bowser	

Address on file with the Board of Election
756 Neilbert Lane

City/Village/Township Edm.	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44510	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9-22-15
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23. Signature <i>Robert S Bradley</i>	Print First Name Robert	Initial
	Print Last Name Bradley	

Address on file with the Board of Election
297 Canada

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24. Signature <i>Ryan Burton</i>	Print First Name Ryan	Initial RB
	Print Last Name Burton	

Address on file with the Board of Election
121 Tom Circle

City/Village/Township Campbell	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44405	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-22-15
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25. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name Greg	Initial
	Print Last Name	

[Redacted Address]

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26. Signature <i>Kim Block</i>	Print First Name Patty	Initial
	Print Last Name Block	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3534 Sheridan Rd

City/Village/Township 40	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44502	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9-22-15
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27. Signature <i>Shelby Zurenga</i>	Print First Name Shelby	Initial
	Print Last Name Zurenga	

Address on file with the Board of Election
580 Blueberry Hill Drive

City/Village/Township Canfield	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44406	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-22-15
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28. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name Brittany	Initial
	Print Last Name	

[Redacted Address]

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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, Jesus Delostos Jr, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3409 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109

(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.

(Signed)

3055 hadley ave

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)

Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Youngstown

City, Village or Township

Ohio

State

44505

Zip Code

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

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	Print Last Name Randall	

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411 Garfield

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2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Kashiedo	Initial M
	Print Last Name McLaughlin	

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840 E. Philadelphia

City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44502	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 8/25/15
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3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Glenn R BIERCH	Initial
	Print Last Name Glenn R Biersch	

Address on file with the Board of Election
440 W RAYENWOOD ST

City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 8.25.15
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4. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Curtis Woods	Initial
	Print Last Name Woods	

Address on file with the Board of Election
219 E Roushwood

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5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name ANDRE'	Initial
	Print Last Name Richardson	

Address on file with the Board of Election
4228 BELL AVE

City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44515	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 8-25-15
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6. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name EDWIN	Initial
	Print Last Name MOLINA JR	

Address on file with the Board of Election
109 GREELEY

City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 8-25-15
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7. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Treatta	Initial
	Print Last Name PERKINS	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1088 EASTWAY DRIVE

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15. Signature <i>Willie</i>	Print First Name <i>Willie</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Gregory</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
61 E Lucius

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16. Signature <i>Todd</i>	Print First Name <i>Todd</i>	Initial <i>TJ</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Gunter Jr</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
15 Illinois Ave

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17. Signature <i>Merna Cosky</i>	Print First Name <i>VERA</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Cosky</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
448 Fairgreen #4

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18. Signature <i>Rebekah Leslie</i>	Print First Name <i>Rebekah</i>	Initial <i>RL</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Leslie</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3884 Timber Lane

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19. Signature <i>Greg Herring</i>	Print First Name <i>Greg</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Herring</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
801 Lakewood Ave

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20. Signature <i>Comiss Brown</i>	Print First Name <i>Comiss Brown</i>	Initial <i>Z</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Brown</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
833 Plaza Union City

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21. Signature <i>Robert C Spann</i>	Print First Name <i>ROBERT C SPANN</i>	Initial <i>RS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>SPANN</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
46 W Hubbard

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>6</i>	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>8-25-15</i>
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22. Signature <i>Monica Jackson</i>	Print First Name Monica	Initial MJ
	Print Last Name Jackson	

Address on file with the Board of Election
133 W. Evergreen

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23. Signature <i>Judith Jennings</i>	Print First Name Judith Jennings	Initial J
	Print Last Name Jennings	

Address on file with the Board of Election
136 Rhoda Ave

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24. Signature <i>Michael Jennings</i>	Print First Name Michael	Initial P
	Print Last Name Jennings	

Address on file with the Board of Election
136 Rhoda Ave

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25. Signature <i>Eugenia Ellis</i>	Print First Name Eugenia	Initial D.
	Print Last Name Ellis	

Address on file with the Board of Election
142 Chambers St.

City/Village/Township Campbell	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44405	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 8-25-15
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26. Signature <i>Jeanette Tate</i>	Print First Name JEANETTE TATE	Initial
	Print Last Name TATE	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1840 MARKET ST. APT 209

City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct 6	Zip Code 44507	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 8-27-15
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27. Signature <i>DeAnne Jennings</i>	Print First Name DeAnne	Initial D
	Print Last Name Jennings	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3522 Southern Blvd Apt

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28. Signature <i>Mildred Walker</i>	Print First Name Mildred	Initial
	Print Last Name Walker	

Address on file with the Board of Election
24 Alvarus Ave

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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, Dyshia Stone, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3909 Pensacola Ave Cleveland Ohio 44109

(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.

Dyshia Stone
(Signed)

476 W Boston
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Youngstown
City, Village or Township

Ohio 44511
State Zip Code

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CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
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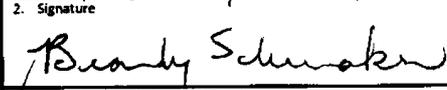
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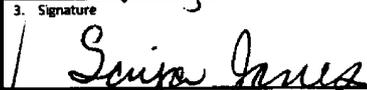
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1. Signature 	Print First Name Meghan	Initial
	Print Last Name Tayma	

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City/Village/Township Austin town	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-15-15	

2. Signature 	Print First Name Brandy	Initial BS
	Print Last Name Schumaker	

Address on file with the Board of Election 13972 Beard Road New Springfield, OH					
City/Village/Township New Springfield	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44443	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-15-15	

3. Signature 	Print First Name SONIA	Initial
	Print Last Name Jones	

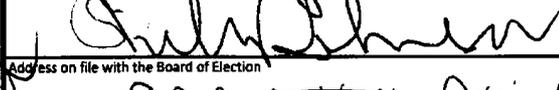
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City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44502	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-15-15	

4. Signature 	Print First Name Casimir	Initial
	Print Last Name Mitchell Jr	

Address on file with the Board of Election 705 Madison Ave					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44504	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-15-15	

5. Signature 	Print First Name Sammera	Initial SDI
	Print Last Name Revis	

Address on file with the Board of Election 466 Catalina Ave.					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44504	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-15-15	

6. Signature 	Print First Name Shelby	Initial
	Print Last Name Johnson	

Address on file with the Board of Election 229 Outlook Avenue 229 Outlook Ave					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44504	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-15-15	

7. Signature 	Print First Name Cody	Initial A
	Print Last Name McCormick	

Address on file with the Board of Election 7051 West Blvd -					
City/Village/Township Beasman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-15-15	

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8. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name HARDEN	Initial HCS
	Print Last Name SMITH	

Address on file with the Board of Election
471 CHATSWORTH LANE

City/Village/Township CANFIELD	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44406	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/15/15
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9. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name VERN	Initial M
	Print Last Name HURATT	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1630 WESTON AVENUE

City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct 7TH	Zip Code 44514	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/15/2015
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10. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name MARI JUSINO	Initial
	Print Last Name JUSINO	

Address on file with the Board of Election
225 Carriage Ln. Apt. 202

City/Village/Township Canfield	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44406	County Mah.	Date of Signing 9-15-15
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11. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name JACOB	Initial
	Print Last Name KELLY	

Address on file with the Board of Election
781 BRYSON ST

City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44602	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9-15-15
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12. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Luis	Initial
	Print Last Name VIVAS	

Address on file with the Board of Election
538 parkcliff ave

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13. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Dalton	Initial
	Print Last Name westhead	

Address on file with the Board of Election
4371 S. Bailey Rd

City/Village/Township North Jackson	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44451	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/15/2015
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14. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Jordan	Initial
	Print Last Name McBee	

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304 Paris Dr.

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15. Signature <i>Ashley All</i>	Print First Name <i>Ashley</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Alli</i>	

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244 Norwood Ave

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16. Signature <i>Ryan Trison</i>	Print First Name <i>Ryan</i>	Initial <i>RT</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Trison</i>	

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6610 Abbott St

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17. Signature <i>Emmett Hynes</i>	Print First Name <i>Emmett</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hynes</i>	

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4622 Milligan Rd

City/Village/Township <i>Coitsville</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44436</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>
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18. Signature <i>Vanessa Fonseca</i>	Print First Name <i>Vanessa</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Fonseca</i>	

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325 S. Jackson St.

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19. Signature <i>Brandon Calama</i>	Print First Name <i>Brandon</i>	Initial <i>BC</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Calama</i>	

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1 University Blvd

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20. Signature <i>Nash Szabo</i>	Print First Name <i>Nash</i>	Initial <i>NS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Szabo</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
19075 Beaver - Springfield Rd.

City/Village/Township <i>New Springfield</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44443</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/15/15</i>
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21. Signature <i>Robinette Felder</i>	Print First Name <i>Robinette</i>	Initial <i>RF</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Felder</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
459 LORA Ave

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22. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Cheyenne* Initial: *M*
 Print Last Name: *Hickey*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1302 Scioto st*

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23. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Taylor* Initial: *A*
 Print Last Name: *Merletti-Sajewich*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *38 Shields Rd.*

City/Village/Township: *Youngstown* Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: *44512* County: *Mahoning* Date of Signing: *9-15-15*

24. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Braun* Initial:
 Print Last Name: *Shupe*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *5875 Calico Lane*

City/Village/Township: *Cantfield* Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: *44406* County: *Mahoning* Date of Signing: *9-15-15*

25. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Alice* Initial: *J*
 Print Last Name: *Pavis*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *3974 Cannon Road*

City/Village/Township: *Austintown* Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: *44515* County: *Mahoning* Date of Signing: *9/15/15*

26. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Larry* Initial:
 Print Last Name: *Fowle*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *120 Viall Rd*

City/Village/Township: *Austintown OH* Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: *44515* County: *Mahoning* Date of Signing: *9/15/15*

27. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Rachel* Initial: *A*
 Print Last Name: *Davis*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *4242 Kerrybrook Drive*

City/Village/Township: *Youngstown* Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: *44511* County: *Mahoning* Date of Signing: *9/15/15*

28. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Edmund* Initial:
 Print Last Name: *Ad-Pers*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *805 Squirrel Hill Drive*

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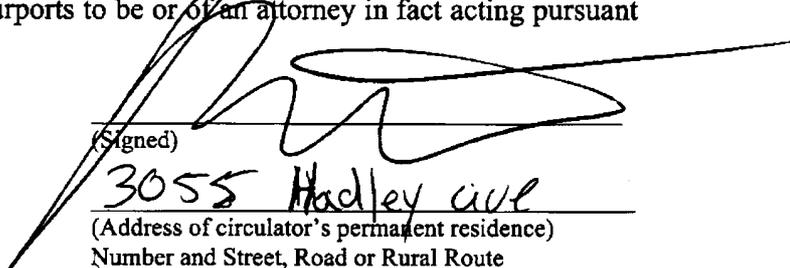
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I, Jesus DeHostos Jr., declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC
3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109
(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.


(Signed)
3055 Hadley ave
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route
Youngstown Ohio
City, Village or Township
Ohio 44505
State Zip Code

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
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Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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	Print Last Name	<i>merchant</i>		
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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9/14/15</i>
2. Signature <i>Phillip Macci</i>	Print First Name	<i>Phillip</i>	Initial	<i>C</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Macci III</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>156 Woodland Ave</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Campbell</i>		<i>44405</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>14 Sept 15</i>
3. Signature <i>Clay Booker</i>	Print First Name	<i>Clay</i>	Initial	<i>C</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Booker</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>631 Tenney Apt A</i>				
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<i>Campbell</i>		<i>44405</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9/14/2015</i>
4. Signature <i>Trisha Riley</i>	Print First Name	<i>Trisha</i>	Initial	<i>D</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Riley</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>550 W. Chalmers Ave #104</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown, OH</i>		<i>44511</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
5. Signature <i>Zachary Willis</i>	Print First Name	<i>Zachary Willis</i>	Initial	<i>ZW</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Willis</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>630 Cassius Ave</i>				
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<i>Yo OH</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mah</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
6. Signature <i>Rocky J. Davis</i>	Print First Name	<i>Rocky Davis</i>	Initial	<i>D</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>DAVIS</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>25 MARRET #903</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Y-Town OH</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>44503</i>	<i>MAHONING MAHONING</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
7. Signature <i>David Williams</i>	Print First Name	<i>David</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Williams</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2044 Eddie St</i>				
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<i>YO</i>		<i>44509</i>	<i>MAHONING</i>	<i>9/14/15</i>

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8. Signature <i>Kimberly Mulidore</i>		Print First Name <i>Kimberly</i>	Initial <i>K</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>833 Detroit ave Y 0 44502</i>		Print Last Name <i>Mulidore</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mah.</i>
		Date of Signing <i>9.14.15</i>	
9. Signature <i>Tara Long</i>		Print First Name <i>Tara</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4440 Nantucket Dr.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Long</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
		Date of Signing <i>14 Sep 2015</i>	
10. Signature <i>Paul Vicker</i>		Print First Name <i>PAUL VICKER</i>	Initial <i>PV</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1400 SPRINGDALE</i>		Print Last Name <i>VICKER S</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>3</i>	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mah.</i>
		Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>	
11. Signature <i>Judy Brooks</i>		Print First Name <i>Judy</i>	Initial <i>E.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>572 Roxbury Ave.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Brooks</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
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12. Signature <i>Jennifer Lynn</i>		Print First Name <i>Jennifer</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>101 Shaw St.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Lynn</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Camden</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44504</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
		Date of Signing <i>9/15/15</i>	
13. Signature <i>Angel Ross</i>		Print First Name <i>Angel</i>	Initial <i>S.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4017 State</i>		Print Last Name <i>Ross</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Bordman</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44511</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
		Date of Signing <i>9/15/15</i>	
14. Signature <i>Aura Vereb</i>		Print First Name <i>Aura</i>	Initial <i>N</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2822 Spring Meadow Circle</i>		Print Last Name <i>Vereb</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Austintown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
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15. Signature <i>Jordan Gulbis</i>	Print First Name	Jordan	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Gulbis		

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93 Wick Oval

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16. Signature <i>Abraylon McClelland</i>	Print First Name	Abraylon McClelland	Initial	JTM
	Print Last Name	McClelland		

Address on file with the Board of Election
738 W. Laclède Ave

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Youngstown		44511	USA Mahoning	9/15/15

17. Signature <i>Dominic Eusanto</i>	Print First Name	Dominic	Initial	V
	Print Last Name	Eusanto		

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2380 Shawnee Trail

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18. Signature <i>Michael Welsh</i>	Print First Name	Michael	Initial	R
	Print Last Name	Welsh		

Address on file with the Board of Election
2630 Gladvale

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19. Signature <i>Michael I. Orr</i>	Print First Name	Michael	Initial	I
	Print Last Name	Orr		

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1775 E. Western Reserve Rd. Apt #5

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Poland		44514	Mahoning	9/15/15

20. Signature <i>Ronald Chambers</i>	Print First Name	Ronald	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	CHAMBERS		

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51 Willow Dr #2

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Baraboo		44512	Mahoning	9/15/15

21. Signature <i>Jala Freeman</i>	Print First Name	Jala	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Freeman		

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	Print Last Name Collins	

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23. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name John	Initial W
	Print Last Name Myler	

Address on file with the Board of Election
317. S. forest

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24. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Derrick	Initial L
	Print Last Name Thigpen	

Address on file with the Board of Election
253 E. Avondale

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25. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name MARK A	Initial MAK
	Print Last Name KOZIORYNSKY	

Address on file with the Board of Election
105 COLUMBUS

City/Village/Township STRUTHERS	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44471	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/16/15
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26. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Marion	Initial MC
	Print Last Name Cole	

Address on file with the Board of Election
945 E Indianola Ave

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27. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Linda	Initial
	Print Last Name Peoples	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1223 E. Boston Ave.

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28. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Louis Lee	Initial L
	Print Last Name Lee	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3823 Timothy Ln

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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:

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Address on file with the Board of Election 420 8TH ST.		Print Last Name OLMI JR.			
City/Village/Township STEUBENS	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44471	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 16-SEP-15	
2. Signature 		Print First Name KAREN		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 637 Manorway Ave.		Print Last Name HOLIDAY			
City/Village/Township GENUNA	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9-16-15	
3. Signature 		Print First Name Robert		Initial B	
Address on file with the Board of Election 46 W Dondale		Print Last Name Spann			
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct 6	Zip Code 44507	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-16-15	
4. Signature 		Print First Name Teresa		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 885 North Hubbard Rd		Print Last Name Leone			
City/Village/Township Covellville	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44436	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-16-15	
5. Signature 		Print First Name Tom		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 4234 Kerry Ln		Print Last Name Lavender			
City/Village/Township Poland	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44514	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-16-15	
6. Signature 		Print First Name Emily		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2287 Overlook Ave.		Print Last Name Marsh			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/16/15	
7. Signature 		Print First Name Elizabeth		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 56 Centennial Dr		Print Last Name Niello			
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8. Signature 	Print First Name	Stephanie	Initial	SD
	Print Last Name	DeLong		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2633 Brunswick Rd				
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Mahoning		44511	Mahoning	9/16/15
9. Signature 	Print First Name	Megan	Initial	MR
	Print Last Name	Ramsay		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2441 West Lakeside Dr.				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Boardman		44512	Mahoning	9-16-15
10. Signature 	Print First Name	Tammy	Initial	TG
	Print Last Name	Green		
Address on file with the Board of Election 794 Kirk Rd				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Mahoning		44512	Mahoning	9/14/15
11. Signature 	Print First Name	Adam	Initial	AS
	Print Last Name	Shields		
Address on file with the Board of Election 1921 Woodward Ave				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44515	Mahoning	9/16/15
12. Signature 	Print First Name	Nicholas	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Kerseck		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2794 Spring Meadow Circle				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Avon		44515	Mahoning	7/16/15
13. Signature 	Print First Name	Sherran	Initial	SH
	Print Last Name	Halfway		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2167 Dutton				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown OH		44505	Mahoning	9/16/15
14. Signature 	Print First Name	Bettina	Initial	BM
	Print Last Name	Mascarella		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2417 Dutton Ave				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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15. Signature: *Lynelle D McIntosh*
 Print First Name: **LYNELLE D MCINTOSH** Initial: **LDM**
 Print Last Name: **MCINTOSH**
 Address on file with the Board of Election: **25 MARKET ST APT 1509**
 City/Village/Township: **YOUNGSTOWN** Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: **44503** County: **MAHONING** Date of Signing: **9-16-15**

16. Signature: *Kasimu Osayaba*
 Print First Name: **Kasimu Osayaba** Initial: **KO**
 Print Last Name: **Osayaba**
 Address on file with the Board of Election: **25 Market St. Apt. 769**
 City/Village/Township: **Youngstown** Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: **44503** County: **Mah.** Date of Signing: **9-16-15**

17. Signature: *William Sullivan*
 Print First Name: **William** Initial: **W.S.**
 Print Last Name: **Sullivan**
 Address on file with the Board of Election: **52 Willow Dr Apt # 3**
 City/Village/Township: **Boardman** Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: **44512** County: **Mahoning** Date of Signing: **9/16/15**

18. Signature: *Kristy Duncan*
 Print First Name: **Kristy** Initial: **Duncan**
 Print Last Name: **Duncan**
 Address on file with the Board of Election: **684 Pasadena Ave.**
 City/Village/Township: **Youngstown** Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: **44502** County: **Mahoning** Date of Signing: **9-17-15**

19. Signature: *Man Trub*
 Print First Name: **MARCIA** Initial: **TREBUS**
 Print Last Name: **TREBUS**
 Address on file with the Board of Election: **4447 Williamsburg**
 City/Village/Township: **Cuyahoga** Ward/Precinct: Zip Code: **44406** County: **Mahoning** Date of Signing: **9-17-15**

20. Signature: *David Brown*
 Print First Name: **DAVID BROWN** Initial: **BROWN**
 Print Last Name: **BROWN**
 Address on file with the Board of Election: **25 MARKET H 1109**
 City/Village/Township: **YTO** Ward/Precinct: **#110** Zip Code: **44503** County: **MAH** Date of Signing: **9/17-15**

21. Signature: *Addie M. Franklin*
 Print First Name: **Addie** Initial: **FRANKLIN**
 Print Last Name: **FRANKLIN**
 Address on file with the Board of Election: **35 Market #704**
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Address on file with the Board of Election 25 MARKET ST APT # 1511		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 480 W. BRADY		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 4203 Southern Blvd		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 962 Martin Luther King Blvd		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 862 E LUCIUS AVE.		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 1336 E. Boston		
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Address on file with the Board of Election 859 Palmer Ave		
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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.
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- (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.
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	Print Last Name	<i>SMITH</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>172 E. Hudson Ave</i>				
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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44507</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9/25/15</i>
2. Signature <i>R. Randall Jr</i>	Print First Name	<i>ROBERT</i>	Initial	<i>RR</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>RANDALL JR</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>349 W MIDLOTHIAN</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>YOUNGSTOWN</i>		<i>44511</i>	<i>MAHONING</i>	<i>9-23-2015</i>
3. Signature <i>Robert C Smith</i>	Print First Name	<i>Robert</i>	Initial	<i>C</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Smith</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>156 Albion Dr</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Boardman</i>		<i>44512</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9/25/15</i>
4. Signature <i>McClene Salter</i>	Print First Name	<i>McClene</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Salter</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>202 Hamilton</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Campbell</i>		<i>4440</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9/25/15</i>
5. Signature <i>Darrell Dawson</i>	Print First Name	<i>Darrell Dawson</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>DAWSON</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>723 Palmer</i>				
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6. Signature <i>Timothy Case</i>	Print First Name	<i>Timothy</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Case</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4125 Hudson Dr. 44512 Gh.</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Boardman</i>			<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-25-15</i>
7. Signature <i>Merine Washington</i>	Print First Name	<i>MERINE</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>WASHINGTON</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>490 Clearmount Dr.</i>				
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8. Signature <i>Cherie Eldridge</i>	Print First Name <i>Cherie</i>	Initial <i>CE</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Eldridge</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1129 Burlington St.

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9. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial <i>[Redacted]</i>
	Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
[Redacted]

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10. Signature <i>Geneva Javey</i>	Print First Name <i>Geneva</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Javey</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
133 E. Philadelphia

City/Village/Township <i>OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/25/15</i>
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11. Signature <i>Sarah B. Brown</i>	Print First Name <i>Sarah B.</i>	Initial <i>SB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Brown</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
454 W. Jackson

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12. Signature <i>Sherry Pictor</i>	Print First Name <i>Sherry</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Pictor</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
2933 McCreary Dr.

City/Village/Township <i>90.</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>MAN</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-25-15</i>
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13. Signature <i>Tavayla Hardy</i>	Print First Name <i>TAVAYLA</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>HARDY</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
920 Berkeley Ave.

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>Matt.</i>	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>nah.</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-25-2015</i>
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14. Signature <i>Fred Hardy</i>	Print First Name <i>Fred</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Hardy</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
920 Berkeley Ave

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15. Signature <i>A. Vere</i>	Print First Name <i>Vandy</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Vere</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
98 Lomain Ave

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>4</i>	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/25/15</i>
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16. Signature <i>Shulen L. Mike</i>	Print First Name <i>Shirley</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Mike</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
819 Roxbury Ave

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-25-15</i>
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17. Signature <i>Lisa Walker</i>	Print First Name <i>LISA</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Walker</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
496 Lincoln ave

City/Village/Township <i>Stratton</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44471</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-25-15</i>
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18. Signature <i>Denise Houston</i>	Print First Name <i>Denise</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Houston</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
305 Edwards St.

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19. Signature <i>Cassandra Armour</i>	Print First Name <i>CASSANDRA</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>ARMOUR</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
574 E Boston Ave

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20. Signature <i>Frankie North</i>	Print First Name <i>Frankie</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>North</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
547 W. Blenheim

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21. Signature <i>Wakita Skinner</i>	Print First Name <i>WAKITA</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>SKINNER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
859 LAKEWOOD AVE

City/Village/Township <i>Ohio</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-25-15</i>
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22. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Dorice G. VONS	Print Last Name G. VONS	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 1135 W J-Dson Ave			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning
			Date of Signing 9/25/2015
23. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Phillip	Print Last Name Hardy	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 20 W Judson Ave			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning
			Date of Signing 9/25/2015
24. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name DUANE	Print Last Name REYNOLDS	Initial [Initials]
Address on file with the Board of Election 1326 Wick Ave			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct N/A	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning
			Date of Signing 9/25/2015
25. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Andrew	Print Last Name Carr	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 1508 S Meridian Rd			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning
			Date of Signing 9/27/15
26. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Chelsea	Print Last Name Davidak	Initial [Initials]
Address on file with the Board of Election 4232 Chester drive			
City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning
			Date of Signing 9-26-15
27. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Angel	Print Last Name Davidak	Initial [Initials]
Address on file with the Board of Election 4232 Chester drive			
City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning
			Date of Signing 9-26-15
28. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Stephanie	Print Last Name Matricard	Initial [Initials]
Address on file with the Board of Election 4232 Chester drive			
City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County mahoning
			Date of Signing 9-26-15

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, Cynthia E. Fleece, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109

(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.

Cynthia E. Fleece
(Signed)

3497 Kiwatha Road

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

Youngstown, Ohio
City, Village or Township

OHio
State

44511
Zip Code

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County: Mahoning

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INITIATIVE PETITION,

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

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TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman
2618 N. Cassady Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Roberta Thomas</i>	Print First Name Roberta	Initial
	Print Last Name Thomas	

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767 Paul Ave #303

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2. Signature <i>Kim Kimbrough</i>	Print First Name Kim	Initial
	Print Last Name Kimbrough	

Address on file with the Board of Election
269 E. Duddothan Blvd.

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3. Signature <i>Suzie Smith</i>	Print First Name Suzie	Initial
	Print Last Name Smith	

Address on file with the Board of Election
786 Main St

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4. Signature <i>Jean Davis</i>	Print First Name JEAN DAVIS	Initial
	Print Last Name DAVIS	

Address on file with the Board of Election
463 W. Judson

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5. Signature <i>Jarel Smith</i>	Print First Name Jarel	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name Smith	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1066 Berkeley Ave

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6. Signature <i>Joanne Williams</i>	Print First Name Joanne	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name Williams	

Address on file with the Board of Election
4127 Helena Ave.

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7. Signature <i>Andrea Meyer</i>	Print First Name Andrea	Initial
	Print Last Name Meyer	

Address on file with the Board of Election
4144 Helena

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22. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>		Print First Name Michael		Initial <i>ML</i>	
		Print Last Name Schlais			
Address on file with the Board of Election 1028 Westport					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-24-15	
23. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>		Print First Name Dion		Initial L	
		Print Last Name Artis			
Address on file with the Board of Election 439 W Judson					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-25-15	
24. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>		Print First Name Doreen		Initial M	
		Print Last Name Mayberry			
Address on file with the Board of Election 20 E. Ravenwood					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44507	County mahoning	Date of Signing 9-25-15	
25. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>		Print First Name Nataska		Initial B	
		Print Last Name Wallace			
Address on file with the Board of Election 604 paraview ct Apt H					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-25-15	
26. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>		Print First Name SERAFIN		Initial	
		Print Last Name O'KELLO			
Address on file with the Board of Election 628 W. Ravenwood A					
City/Village/Township 70	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County MAH	Date of Signing 9/25/2015	
27. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>		Print First Name Phoenix		Initial K	
		Print Last Name Reed			
Address on file with the Board of Election 465 Clearmount Dr.					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/25/15	
28. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>		Print First Name Joseph		Initial JH	
		Print Last Name [Redacted]			
Address on file with the Board of Election [Redacted]					
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509	County	Date of Signing 9/25/15	

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Cynthia E. Fleece
(Signed)

3497 Kiwatha Road
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Youngstown
City, Village or Township

OHIO 44511
State Zip Code

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INITIATIVE PETITION,

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

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- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
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- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
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- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
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Dayton, Ohio 45402

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Dayton, Ohio 45405

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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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2. Signature <i>John Leach</i>		Print First Name <i>Seth</i>		Initial <i>SL</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3025 CANFIELD ROAD 1</i>		Print Last Name <i>LEACH</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-18-15</i>	
3. Signature <i>Curtis Jones</i>		Print First Name <i>Curtis</i>		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>648 W. Evergreen Ave.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Jones</i>			
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4. Signature <i>Ronald Johnson Sr</i>		Print First Name <i>Ronald</i>		Initial <i>RHJ</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>397 REDONDO RD</i>		Print Last Name <i>JOHNSON</i>			
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2745 Robinwood Place</i>		Print Last Name <i>HASKINS</i>			
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>4318 Euclid Blvd.</i>		Print Last Name <i>LYON</i>			
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7. Signature <i>Hannah Paralko</i>		Print First Name <i>Hannah</i>		Initial <i>A</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>631 Cathy Ann Dr.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Paralko</i>			
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8. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name	JUDE	Initial
	Print Last Name	KOURY	

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7013 Glenwood Ave

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9. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Jayne	Initial
	Print Last Name	Catlos	

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2496 Timothy Knoll

City/Village/Township Poland	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44514	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/22/15
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10. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Anastasia	Initial
	Print Last Name	Cardarelli	

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1647 Thalia Avenue

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11. Signature <i>[Redacted Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Zara	Initial
	Print Last Name	[Redacted]	EM

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12. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Theresa	Initial
	Print Last Name	Leonard	TC

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332A Zedaker St

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13. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Kieu	Initial
	Print Last Name	Pham	

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4823 Westchester Apt 102

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14. Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Matthew	Initial
	Print Last Name	Yatch	

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15. Signature <i>Julie Fetty</i>	Print First Name JULIE	Initial J
	Print Last Name FETTY	

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282 Forest Hill nlr.

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16. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Brian	Initial B
	Print Last Name Smith	

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760 Wildwood Dr.

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17. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Melanie	Initial J
	Print Last Name Beacham	

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1436 Woodcrest

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18. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Tatyana	Initial
	Print Last Name Boone	

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232 N. Heights.

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19. Signature <i>E. Sisalouis</i>	Print First Name Emmanuel	Initial ESS
	Print Last Name Sisalouis	

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20. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Jerrilyn	Initial JG
	Print Last Name Gray	

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735 Bryson Street, Apt 311

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21. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Glennys	Initial GN
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	Print Last Name	Bannon		

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29 Spaxmore

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23. Signature 	Print First Name	Pylan	Initial	R
	Print Last Name	Thomas		

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20 Sexton Street

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Struthers		44471	Mahoning	9-23-15

24. Signature Russell W. Brickey	Print First Name	Russell W.	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Brickey		

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130 Danbury Dr.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Boardman		44512	Mahoning	9-23-15

25. Signature 	Print First Name	Kayli	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Dean		

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City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Canfield		44406	Mahoning	9/23/15

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	Print Last Name	McDermott		

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Berlin Center		44401	Mahoning	9/23/15

27. Signature Cory McElrae	Print First Name	Cory	Initial	
	Print Last Name	McElrae		

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Austintown		OH10	Mahoning	9-23-15

28. Signature 	Print First Name	Thomas	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	A		

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Youngstown		44511	Mahoning	9/23/15

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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").

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Ohio
State

44505
Zip Code

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3. Signature <i>Theodore Wood</i>	Print First Name	<i>Theodore</i>	Initial	<i>T</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Wood</i>		
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4. Signature <i>Kathleen Datto</i>	Print First Name	<i>Kathleen</i>	Initial	<i>A.</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Datto</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3480 Flo-Lor Dr.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44511</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>09-09-2015</i>

5. Signature <i>Shirley Carson</i>	Print First Name	<i>SHIRLEY</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>CARSON</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>663 LIBERTY RD</i>				
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6. Signature <i>Jazzmin Was</i>	Print First Name	<i>JAZZMIN</i>	Initial	<i>K</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Watkins</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>135 WALLS AVE</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-10-15</i>

7. Signature <i>Elaine Strong</i>	Print First Name	<i>Elaine</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Strong</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>966 Bonnie Brue Lane</i>				
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	Print Last Name	<i>McPeters</i>		

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1349 Grandview

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<i>YD</i>		<i>44506</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-10-15</i>

9. Signature <i>Seanly Luckey</i>	Print First Name	<i>Seanly</i>	Initial	<i>SL</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Luckey</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
1540 Midland Ave

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10. Signature <i>Allen J Garner</i>	Print First Name	<i>Allen Garner</i>	Initial	<i>AG</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Garner</i>		

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152 Benita Ave

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11. Signature <i>Michael Tvey</i>	Print First Name	<i>Michael</i>	Initial	<i>MT</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Tvey</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
422 WIRT ST.

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12. Signature <i>Shyla Winford</i>	Print First Name	<i>Shyla</i>	Initial	<i>SW</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Winford</i>		

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761 Fairmont Ave

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13. Signature <i>Roshana Baker</i>	Print First Name	<i>Roshana</i>	Initial	<i>RS</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Baker</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
820 W Woodland ave

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14. Signature <i>MATASHA Forest</i>	Print First Name	<i>MATASHA</i>	Initial	<i>AF</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Forest</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
752 Fairyreen

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22. Signature <i>Amy B Stoffer</i>	Print First Name <i>Amy</i>	Initial <i>B</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Stoffer</i>	

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1745 Atkinson

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23. Signature <i>Jessie Stamp</i>	Print First Name <i>Jessie</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Stamp</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
732 E. Florida Ave

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24. Signature <i>Margaret Kidd</i>	Print First Name <i>Margaret</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Kidd</i>	

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3326 Dorset

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25. Signature <i>Tom Franklin</i>	Print First Name <i>Tom</i>	Initial <i>WF</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Franklin</i>	

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26. Signature <i>Amber Day</i>	Print First Name <i>Amber</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Day</i>	

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27. Signature <i>Vanessa Amin</i>	Print First Name <i>Vanessa</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Amin</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
533 Mabel

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	Print Last Name <i>York</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.
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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Sophia Bailey, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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.

Sophia Bailey
(Signed)

131 Wirt Blvd
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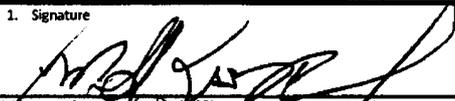
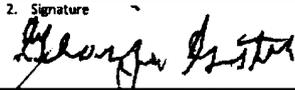
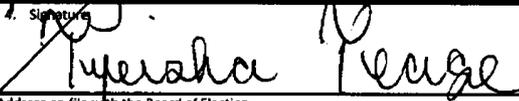
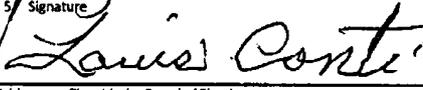
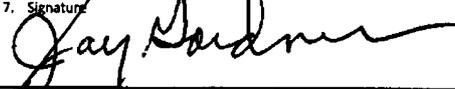
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City/Village/Township CAMPBELL	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44405	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18-2015	
2. Signature 		Print First Name GEORGE		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1802 E HIGHWAY		Print Last Name GATER			
City/Village/Township LAVERGNE TOWNSHIP	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44305	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/18/15	
3. Signature 		Print First Name Laroya		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 231 E Philadelphia Ave		Print Last Name GRAHAM			
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44500	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/15	
4. Signature 		Print First Name Tyisha		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 188 Clarence Dale		Print Last Name TEAGUE			
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/15	
5. Signature 		Print First Name LOUIS CONTI		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 114 CHARTER CIR. APT. 1		Print Last Name CONTI			
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/18/15	
6. Signature 		Print First Name John Burns		Initial A.	
Address on file with the Board of Election 7544 Market St. BLDG. 4 Apt. 2		Print Last Name Burns			
City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44513	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-18-15	
7. Signature 		Print First Name JAY		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 7445 Salinas Trail		Print Last Name GARDNER			
City/Village/Township BOARDMAN OHIO	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-18-15	

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8. Signature <i>Jerrilyn Neely</i>	Print First Name	Jerrilyn Neely	Initial	JN
	Print Last Name	Neely		

Address on file with the Board of Election
26 Morley Ave Campbell, OH

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<i>Campbell</i>		<i>44405</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

9. Signature <i>Valerie Neely</i>	Print First Name	Valerie	Initial	VN
	Print Last Name	Neely		

Address on file with the Board of Election
26 Morley

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Campbell</i>		<i>44405</i>	<i>Mohoning</i>	<i>9/18/2015</i>

10. Signature <i>Florence Williams</i>	Print First Name	Florence	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Williams		

Address on file with the Board of Election
2321 Bott St

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngs</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mohoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

11. Signature <i>Nathanael Santiago</i>	Print First Name	Nathanael	Initial	N
	Print Last Name	Santiago		

Address on file with the Board of Election
111 Struthers-Liberty Rd

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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

12. Signature <i>V. Vincent Jundy</i>	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			

Address on file with the Board of Election
131 Boardman St

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44503</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

13. Signature <i>Lena M. Jones</i>	Print First Name	LENA	Initial	M
	Print Last Name	JONES		

Address on file with the Board of Election
477 BENNINGTON

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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

14. Signature <i>Kayla Robbie</i>	Print First Name	Kayla	Initial	KR M
	Print Last Name	Robbie		

Address on file with the Board of Election
615 N Hubbard Rd

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Lanewille</i>		<i>44436</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

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15. Signature <i>Joe Coleman</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
2762 Vorley Rd

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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44511</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

16. Signature <i>K Charzy</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
275 Bark Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44504</i>	<i>Moh</i>	<i>9/18/2015</i>

17. Signature <i>David Brown</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
426 Kist Place

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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44502</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

18. Signature <i>Drin Canty</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
610 Market St Apt 2

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Boardman</i>		<i>44512</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

19. Signature <i>Donna R Phifer</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
234 Norwood Avenue

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44504</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-2015</i>

20. Signature <i>Dorothy Jay</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
312 Emory Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44507</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-18-15</i>

21. Signature <i>Jennifer McMahon</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1500 W. Meridian Rd #72

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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22. Signature <i>Jesse W. [Redacted]</i>	Print First Name JESSE	Initial W
[Redacted Address]		
City/Village/Township McDonald	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44437
County Trembly	Date of Signing 09-18-15	

23. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Steve	Initial SK
Print Last Name Knigh		
Address on file with the Board of Election 1785 Edgely		
City/Village/Township Ashtabula	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44915
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/15	

24. Signature <i>John [Signature]</i>	Print First Name Janna	Initial D
Print Last Name Bouwers		
Address on file with the Board of Election [Redacted]		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/15	

25. Signature <i>Lois Butler</i>	Print First Name Lois	Initial
Print Last Name BUTLER		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2965 Maltonia Ave		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505
County Warren	Date of Signing 9/18/15	

26. Signature <i>Abigail S. Downs</i>	Print First Name Abigail	Initial (AD)
Print Last Name Downs		
Address on file with the Board of Election 836 E. Philadelphia		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44502
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/15	

27. Signature <i>Marie Williams</i>	Print First Name MARIE	Initial
Print Last Name Williams		
Address on file with the Board of Election 2621 Hunter Ave		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct Ohio	Zip Code 44502
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/15	

28. Signature <i>Andrew [Signature]</i>	Print First Name Andrew	Initial J
Print Last Name BENNETT, JR.		
Address on file with the Board of Election 1840 Market St Apt 610		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44507
County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/15	

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, DARRELL E Moyer, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109

(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.

Darrell E Moyer
(Signed)

2252 Jacobs Road
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Youngstown Ohio
City, Village or Township

Ohio 44505
State Zip Code

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County: MARION

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

18 Valid
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CFR

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman
2618 N. Cassady Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Geraldine Crenshaw</i>		Print First Name GERALDINE		Print Last Name CRENSHAW		Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 2987 Bauer Ln.						
City/Village/Township Youngstown OH	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/24/2015		
2. Signature <i>William A Crenshaw Sr</i>		Print First Name William A		Print Last Name Crenshaw		Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 2987 Bauer Ln.						
City/Village/Township Youngstown OH	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/24/2015		
3. Signature <i>Barbara Jean Pegues</i>		Print First Name Barbara Jean		Print Last Name Pegues		Initial J
Address on file with the Board of Election 226 Jacob St						
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/24-15		
4. Signature <i>Frank Butler</i>		Print First Name FRANK		Print Last Name BUTLER		Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 2985 MITTOMIA						
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/24/15		
5. Signature <i>Joseph T. Tussell</i>		Print First Name JOSEPH		Print Last Name TUSSELL		Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 287 Athens Dr Austintown						
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44515	County MAH	Date of Signing 9/24/15		
6. Signature <i>J. Nagle</i>		Print First Name Julie		Print Last Name Nagle		Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 318 Boardview						
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44502	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9-24-15		
7. Signature <i>Clayton</i>		Print First Name Clay		Print Last Name Booker		Initial C
Address on file with the Board of Election 631 Tenney Apt. A						
City/Village/Township Campbell	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44405	County Mahony	Date of Signing 9/24/15		

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8. Signature <i>Matthew P. Pritchett</i>	Print First Name Matthew	Initial
	Print Last Name Pritchett	

Address on file with the Board of Election 480 WOODSIDE H4505 YOUNGSTOWN OH 44505 MAH 03.2015				
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code OH 44505	County MAH	Date of Signing 9/24/15

9. Signature 	Print First Name [Redacted]	Initial		
	Print Last Name [Redacted]			
Address on file with the Board of Election 				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing

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10. Signature <i>Annette Alexander</i>	Print First Name Annette	Initial A
	Print Last Name Alexander	

Address on file with the Board of Election 254 E. Judson ave				
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County mah	Date of Signing 9/24/15

11. Signature <i>CHARLES M. WASHINGTON</i>	Print First Name CHARLES	Initial
	Print Last Name WASHINGTON	

Address on file with the Board of Election 33 MONISTE ST.				
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44405	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/24/15

12. Signature <i>Walter Williams</i>	Print First Name WALTER	Initial
	Print Last Name WILLIAMS	

Address on file with the Board of Election 100 BLACK ST.				
City/Village/Township MAH.	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County MAH.	Date of Signing 9-23-15

13. Signature <i>Herbert L. Moyer Jr.</i>	Print First Name Herbert L. Moyer Jr.	Initial H.L.
	Print Last Name Moyer Jr.	

Address on file with the Board of Election 2252 JACOBS Rd				
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 441505	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-24-2015

14. Signature <i>Stephanie L. Benson</i>	Print First Name Stephanie	Initial SB
	Print Last Name Benson	

Address on file with the Board of Election 2940 Banker Ave.				
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15. Signature <i>Deborah Bednar</i>	Print First Name	DEBORAH	Initial
	Print Last Name	BEDNAR	

Address on file with the Board of Election
5739 WEST WESTERN RESERVE RD

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Ward CANFIELD		44406	MAHONING	9/24/15

16. Signature <i>Edward Koltanski</i>	Print First Name	Edward	Initial
	Print Last Name	Koltanski	A

Address on file with the Board of Election
265 S. Cadillac Dr

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Boardman		44512	Mahoning	9/24/2015

17. Signature <i>Tracy Brown</i>	Print First Name	TRACY	Initial
	Print Last Name	Brown	A.N.

Address on file with the Board of Election
1364 Ivanhoe Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44502	Mahoning	9/26/2015

18. Signature <i>Harold Brown</i>	Print First Name	Harold	Initial
	Print Last Name	Brown	HB

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1364 Ivanhoe Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44502	Mahoning	9/24/15

19. Signature <i>Jason Oyler</i>	Print First Name	Jason	Initial
	Print Last Name	Oyler	JO

Address on file with the Board of Election
251 Afton Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44512	Mahoning	9-24-15

20. Signature <i>Dorita Walker</i>	Print First Name	DORITA	Initial
	Print Last Name	WALKER	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1064 Eastway Dr #11

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21. Signature <i>Mamie Ritchett</i>	Print First Name	MAMIE	Initial
	Print Last Name	Ritchett	

Address on file with the Board of Election
485 Woodside ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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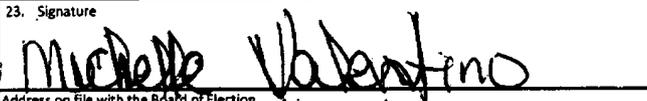
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Print First Name **TERRY** Initial **W**
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Address on file with the Board of Election
3247 S. BAILEY RD

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Print First Name **Michelle** Initial
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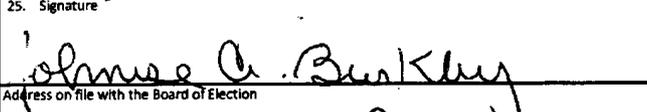
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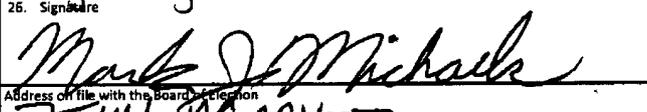
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3125 Orrin Ave

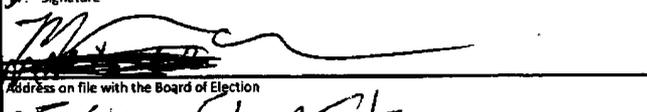
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Print First Name **MARK** Initial
 Print Last Name **MICHAELS**

Address on file with the Board of Election
7544 MARKET

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Print First Name **MARK** Initial
 Print Last Name **LOPEZ**

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2541 ELWST

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Print First Name **James** Initial **M**
 Print Last Name **WALKER**

Address on file with the Board of Election
135 Park Heights Ave

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FULL TEXT OF LAW

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Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

Section 194.01

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- (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.

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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.

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman
2618 N. Cassady Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Nancy Haraburda</i>		Print First Name Nancy		Initial E.	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1563 Price Rd		Print Last Name Haraburda			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/14/15	
2. Signature <i>Krista Patrick</i>		Print First Name KRISTA		Initial KP	
Address on file with the Board of Election 104 Edgewood Drive		Print Last Name PATRICK			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44515	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/14/15	
3. Signature <i>Kiera Winford</i>		Print First Name KIERA		Initial A.	
Address on file with the Board of Election 108 Glacier Ave		Print Last Name Winford			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/14/15	
4. Signature <i>Khalid Pierce</i>		Print First Name Khalid		Initial R	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1439 Victor Avenue		Print Last Name Pierce			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/14/15	
5. Signature <i>Michael Goldthwait</i>		Print First Name Michael		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2042 Burning Tree Lane		Print Last Name Goldthwait			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/14/15	
6. Signature <i>Chastan Hopkins</i>		Print First Name Chastan		Initial L	
Address on file with the Board of Election 251 Madison Ave		Print Last Name Hopkins			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44504	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-14-15	
7. Signature <i>Julia</i>		Print First Name Julia		Initial JH	
Address on file with the Board of Election 1909 covered drive		Print Last Name Abi Habib			
City/Village/Township Poland	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44514	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-14-15	

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8. Signature 	Print First Name	Esther	Initial	Ø
	Print Last Name	Plourde		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
78 Carter Circle #2				
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9. Signature 	Print First Name	Deonté	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Brown		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
249 Beachwood dr				
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10. Signature 	Print First Name	TROY	Initial	TH
	Print Last Name	Huston		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
60 North Main street				
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11. Signature 	Print First Name	Daryn	Initial	J
	Print Last Name	Montgomery		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
413 W. Eate Ave				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44511	Mahoning	9-14-15

12. Signature 	Print First Name	LEO	Initial	N/A
	Print Last Name	LAMBERT		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
173 W DENNICK				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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13. Signature 	Print First Name	Shelby	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	Swick		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
55 Placid Blvd				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44515	Mahoning	9/15/2015

14. Signature 	Print First Name	MAJOR	Initial	WL
	Print Last Name	LEE		

Address on file with the Board of Election				
528 E. Boston				
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22. Signature <i>Silvia Gabriel</i>	Print First Name <i>Silvia</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>GABRIEL</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>179 Berkley Ave</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>	

23. Signature <i>Kelsey Gorcheff</i>	Print First Name <i>Kelsey</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Gorcheff</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2449 W. South Range Rd.</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>N. Lima</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44452</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/15/15</i>	

24. Signature <i>Emma Kovacs</i>	Print First Name <i>Emma</i>	Initial <i>EK</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Kovacs</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>313 Grandview Ave</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Hubbard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>09/15/15</i>	

25. Signature <i>Justin Williams</i>	Print First Name <i>Justin</i>	Initial <i>C</i>
	Print Last Name <i>WILLIAMS</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>413 Broadway</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44510</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>09/15/15</i>	

26. Signature <i>Qais Al-shawabKah</i>	Print First Name <i>Qais</i>	Initial <i>B</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Al-shawabKah</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7039 Amherst Av.</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>	

27. Signature <i>Michael</i>	Print First Name <i>Michael</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Amherst</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44430</i>	County <i>Drumble</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>	

28. Signature <i>Gina Patella</i>	Print First Name <i>Gina</i>	Initial <i>N</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Patella</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>164 Coch Heath Lane</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44511</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/15/15</i>	

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Elainem Phillips, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC
3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109

(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.

Elainem Phillips
(Signed)

7 Arms Blvd. Apt. 4
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)

Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Niles, Ohio 44446
City, Village or Township

Ohio 44446
State Zip Code

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	Print Last Name	
	STAFFER	

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<i>[Signature]</i>	CLAYTON	
	Print Last Name	
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19. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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	Print Last Name <i>Moore</i>	

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23. Signature <i>Theresa Olsen</i>	Print First Name <i>Theresa</i>	Initial
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24. Signature <i>Rachel Wagner</i>	Print First Name <i>Rachel</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Wagner</i>	

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25. Signature <i>Richard J. McCarty</i>	Print First Name <i>RICHARD J. MCCARTY</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>MCCARTY</i>	

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26. Signature <i>Anthony Mulkey</i>	Print First Name <i>Anthony</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Mulkey</i>	

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27. Signature <i>Raymond L. Burney</i>	Print First Name <i>Raymond</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Burney</i>	

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28. Signature <i>Jafeth Aceytun</i>	Print First Name <i>Jafeth</i>	Initial <i>JA</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.
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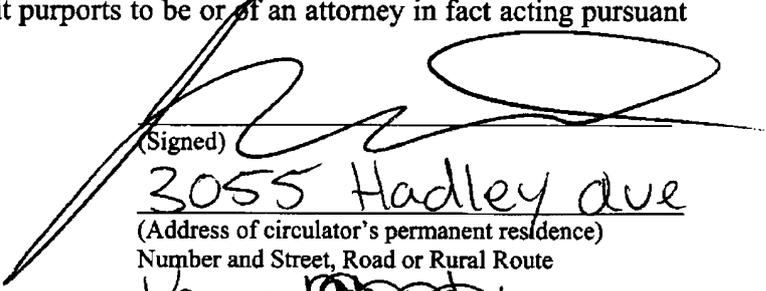
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Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC
3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109
(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

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.

(Signed) 

3055 Hadley Ave
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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2. Signature <i>Wendy Anderson</i>		Print First Name <i>Wendy</i>	Initial
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3. Signature <i>Henry Floyd</i>		Print First Name <i>Henry</i>	Initial
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4. Signature <i>Lyric Harden</i>		Print First Name <i>Lyric</i>	Initial
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City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44504</i>	County <i>MAHONING</i>
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>725 Broadway Ave Youngstown</i>		Print Last Name <i>MARTIN</i>	
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6. Signature <i>Carolyn Crump</i>		Print First Name <i>CAROLYN</i>	Initial
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7. Signature <i>Day Moncrief</i>		Print First Name <i>DAY</i>	Initial
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8. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Amanda</i>	Initial	<i>AS</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Smith</i>		

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9. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Rennie</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>JACKSON</i>		

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10. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Shaquille</i>	Initial	<i>SH</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Huntley</i>		

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11. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Gabrielle</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Hopkins</i>		

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11038 Lansdowne Blvd

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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-13-15</i>

12. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Kenya</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Beachem</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
684 Magnolia Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown, OH</i>		<i>44511</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>

13. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Sydney</i>	Initial	<i>SM</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>McCullough</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
21100 E. Adams

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>NO, OHIO</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Stromboul</i>	<i>9/14/15</i>

14. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	<i>Ken</i>	Initial	<i>K.B.K.</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Ruse</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
1459 Chamberlain Dr

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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22. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Rebecca Potkanowicz* Initial: *L*

Print Last Name: *Potkanowicz*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *6209 Apache Ln*

City/Village/Township: <i>Poland</i>	Ward/Precinct: <i>OH</i>	Zip Code: <i>44514</i>	County: <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing: <i>9/14/15</i>
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23. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Daniel* Initial: *DS*

Print Last Name: *Schaefer*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *5280 Revere Run*

City/Village/Township: <i>Cantfield</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>44406</i>	County: <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing: <i>9/14/15</i>
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24. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *John* Initial:

Print Last Name: *Quinn*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *441 Shadydale Dr. ~~Cantfield Ohio 44406~~ *(JAQ)**

City/Village/Township: <i>Cantfield</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>44406</i>	County: <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing: <i>9-14-15</i>
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25. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Teonna* Initial: *TT*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *[Redacted]*

City/Village/Township: <i>Elkins</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>26241</i>	County:	Date of Signing:
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26. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Jacob* Initial: *Jin*

Print Last Name: *Novotny*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1520 Walker Mill Rd Walker Mill Rd*

City/Village/Township: <i>Poland</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>44514</i>	County: <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing: <i>9-14-15</i>
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27. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Ashley* Initial: *AB*

Print Last Name: *Burnette*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *409 Alameda Yo. Ohio 44709*

City/Village/Township: <i>Mahoning</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>44709</i>	County: <i>Yo</i>	Date of Signing: <i>9-14-15</i>
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28. Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name: *Tiffany* Initial: *A*

Print Last Name: *Perkins*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *2214 Birch St.*

City/Village/Township: <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct:	Zip Code: <i>44507</i>	County: <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing: <i>9-14-15</i>
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FULL TEXT OF LAW

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Chapter 194: Drug Price Relief

Section 194.01

(A) Title.

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- (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.

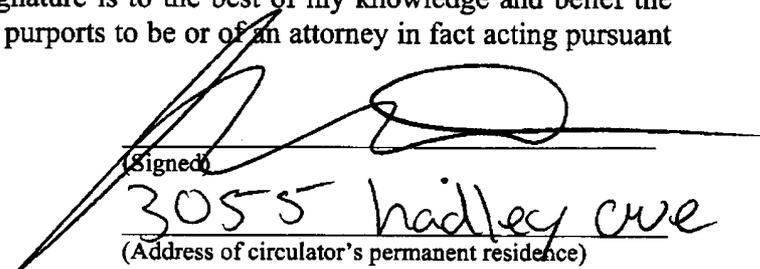
If any provision of this Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General of Ohio. The People of Ohio, by enacting this Act, hereby declare that the committee of individuals responsible for the circulation of the petition proposing this Act ("the Proponents") have a direct and 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, Jesus DeHosias^{sr} declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC
3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109.
(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.


(Signed)
3055 Hadley Ave
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route
Youngstown
City, Village or Township
Ohio 44505
State Zip Code

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman
2618 N. Cassady Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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8. Signature <i>Kate Ciccone</i>	Print First Name <i>Kate</i>	Initial <i>CC</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>357 Overlook Blvd.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Ciccone</i>

City/Village/Township <i>Stamant</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>7th</i>	Zip Code <i>44471</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/17/2015</i>
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9. Signature <i>Gianna Marinucci</i>	Print First Name <i>Gianna</i>	Initial <i>GM</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>839 Mayfield Dr.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Marinucci</i>

City/Village/Township <i>Boardman</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/17/2015</i>
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10. Signature <i>Marco Laba</i>	Print First Name <i>Marco</i>	Initial <i>A.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>334 Twelfth Street Campbell OH</i>		Print Last Name <i>Labla</i>

City/Village/Township <i>Campbell</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44405</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/17/15</i>
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11. Signature <i>Jennifer Waltman</i>	Print First Name <i>Jennifer</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>56 Idaho Rd</i>		Print Last Name <i>Waltman</i>

City/Village/Township <i>Austatown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/17/15</i>
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12. Signature <i>Aaron Mirelj</i>	Print First Name <i>Aaron</i>	Initial <i>AM</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>232 Sexton St</i>		Print Last Name <i>Mirelj</i>

City/Village/Township <i>Stamethers</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44471</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>09-17-15</i>
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13. Signature <i>Nina Cheney</i>	Print First Name <i>Nina</i>	Initial <i>N</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>354 Argyle Ave</i>		Print Last Name <i>Cheney</i>

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14. Signature <i>Samuel Overton</i>	Print First Name <i>Samuel</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>604 W Judson</i>		Print Last Name <i>Overton</i>

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44311</i>	County <i>Mh</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-17-15</i>
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15. Signature <i>Donie Dean</i>	Print First Name	David	Initial	DCC
	Print Last Name	Hall		

Address on file with the Board of Election
29 Moore street

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<i>Struthers</i>		<i>44471</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>9-17-15</i>

16. Signature <i>Sam Meyers</i>	Print First Name	Sam	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Meyers		

Address on file with the Board of Election
77 15th street

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Campbell</i>		<i>44405</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-17-15</i>

17. Signature <i>Chris Vittorio</i>	Print First Name	Chris	Initial	M.
	Print Last Name	Vittorio		

Address on file with the Board of Election
5928 Parkland Ave.

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<i>Boardman</i>		<i>4451d</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-17-15</i>

18. Signature <i>Ivan Graham</i>	Print First Name	Ivan Graham	Initial	IG
	Print Last Name	Graham		

Address on file with the Board of Election
106 Broadway Ave

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19. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name	Dore	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Harris		

Address on file with the Board of Election
5282 Choice

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Yo</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-17-15</i>

20. Signature <i>Jamal Farced</i>	Print First Name	Jamal	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Farced		

Address on file with the Board of Election
3069 McCuffey Road

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21. Signature <i>Earl Dixon</i>	Print First Name	Earl	Initial	ELD
	Print Last Name	Dixon		

Address on file with the Board of Election
821 Pennsylvania Ave

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22. Signature <i>Andre Brady</i>	Print First Name	Andre ^{BR}	Initial	I.M.
	Print Last Name	BRADY		

Address on file with the Board of Election
761 CASSIUS

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Youngstown		44585	Mahoning	9-17-15

23. Signature <i>Erinmilda Ocasio-Santiago</i>	Print First Name	Erinmilda	Initial	EOS
	Print Last Name	OCASIO-SANTIAGO		

Address on file with the Board of Election
5010 OAK ST. EXT.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Lowellville		44436	Mahoning	9-17-15

24. Signature <i>Elizabeth Rutland</i>	Print First Name	Elizabeth	Initial	
	Print Last Name	RUTLAND		

Address on file with the Board of Election
2008 Volney Rd

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Courastown		44511	Mahoning	9.17.15

25. Signature <i>Christie Nelson</i>	Print First Name	Christine	Initial	CN
	Print Last Name	Nelson		

Address on file with the Board of Election
827 CRANDALL AVE

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Youngstown		44510	Mahoning	9-17-15

26. Signature <i>Jody Webb</i>	Print First Name	Jody	Initial	JW
	Print Last Name	Webb		

Address on file with the Board of Election
263 PARK AVE

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27. Signature <i>John Wolfe</i>	Print First Name	JOHN	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	WOLFE		

Address on file with the Board of Election
108 BROOKLINE

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Youngstown		44505	MAHONING	9-18-15

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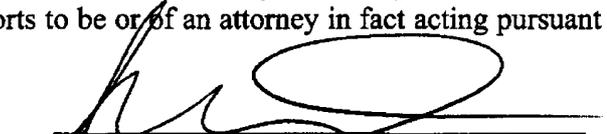
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I, Jesus DeHostas Jr, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC
3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109
(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.


(Signed)
3055 Hadley Ave
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route
Lainys town oh
City, Village or Township
Ohio 44505
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INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
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Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

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Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

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	Print Last Name	Davis	

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2. Signature <i>Katara Barnett</i>	Print First Name	Katara	Initial
	Print Last Name	Barnett	K

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4843 Erie St				
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3. Signature <i>Anta Hall</i>	Print First Name	Anta	Initial
	Print Last Name	Hall	

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4. Signature <i>Andre Le Hallman</i>	Print First Name	Andre	Initial
	Print Last Name	Hallman	

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5. Signature	Print First Name	[REDACTED]	Initial
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6. Signature <i>Shawn Jones</i>	Print First Name	Shawn	Initial
	Print Last Name	Jones	

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344 Uber St				
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7. Signature <i>Sherryl Garley</i>	Print First Name	Sherryl	Initial
	Print Last Name	Garley	J

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8. Signature <i>Darrin Houston</i>	Print First Name <i>Darrin Houston</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Houston</i>	

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9. Signature <i>Jarell D. Houston</i>	Print First Name <i>Jarell</i>	Initial <i>D.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Houston</i>	

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10. Signature <i>Deborah Sly</i>	Print First Name <i>Deborah</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Sly</i>	

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11. Signature <i>Danisha Talley</i>	Print First Name <i>DANISHA</i>	Initial <i>KT</i>
	Print Last Name <i>TALLEY</i>	

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12. Signature <i>Jane Williams</i>	Print First Name <i>JANE</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Williams</i>	

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13. Signature <i>Paula Fenick</i>	Print First Name <i>PAULA</i>	Initial <i>PF</i>
	Print Last Name <i>FENICK</i>	

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14. Signature <i>David Rexroad</i>	Print First Name <i>David</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Rexroad</i>	

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15. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Alisa</i>	Initial <i>APB</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Haley</i>	

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30, N. Richview

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16. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Michelle</i>	Initial <i>M.C.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Cressett</i>	

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17. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Dan</i>	Initial <i>D.W.P.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Phibbs</i>	

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489 Maple wood

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18. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Ross</i>	Initial <i>RDD</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Delkese</i>	

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984 Ravenwood

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19. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Tara</i>	Initial <i>T.S.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Sherbaine</i>	

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20. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>LAURA M</i>	Initial <i>L.M.G.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Green</i>	

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21. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Lavivan</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Bonner</i>	

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	Print Last Name <i>Holmes</i>	

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23. Signature <i>Jamela Chatman</i>	Print First Name <i>Jamela</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Chatman</i>	

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24. Signature <i>Loresha Mahone</i>	Print First Name <i>Loresha</i>	Initial <i>L.M.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Mahone</i>	

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2375 4301 Helena Ave

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	Print Last Name <i>Gault</i>	

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	Print Last Name <i>Watts</i>	

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27. Signature <i>Nemetius Riddle</i>	Print First Name <i>NEMETRIUS</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>RIDDLE</i>	

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	Print Last Name <i>Trice</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.
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- (5) Inflated drug pricing has led to drug companies lavishing excessive pay on their executives.
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- (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.
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Mary E. Whitlow
(Signed)

4200 Hillmanway Apt 7
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

madison
City, Village or Township

OH 44512
State Zip Code

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Number: 000027

County: Mahoning (27) $\frac{5}{6}$

INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

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SUMMARY

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1. Signature: [Redacted]

Print First Name: [Redacted]

Print Last Name: [Redacted]

City/Village: [Redacted]

2. Signature: *James C. Wiles*

Print First Name: *James C*

Print Last Name: *Wiles*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1632 W Judson YCS Lt Mahoning*

City/Village/Township: *Mahoning*

Ward/Precinct: [Blank]

Zip Code: *44501*

County: *MAH*

Date of Signing: *8-24-2015*

3. Signature: *Amitie Boyd*

Print First Name: *Timothy Boyd*

Print Last Name: [Blank]

Address on file with the Board of Election: *57 Williamson Ave Youngstown*

City/Village/Township: *Youngstown*

Ward/Precinct: [Blank]

Zip Code: *44507*

County: *Mahoning*

Date of Signing: *8/24/2015*

4. Signature: *Freddie Love*

Print First Name: *Freddie Love*

Print Last Name: [Blank]

Address on file with the Board of Election: *322 Edwards St Youngstown*

City/Village/Township: *Youngstown*

Ward/Precinct: [Blank]

Zip Code: *44502*

County: *USA Mahoning*

Date of Signing: *8/24/2015*

5. Signature: *Deshaun Lehman*

Print First Name: *Deshaun*

Print Last Name: *Lehman*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *1321 Humbolt Ave Youngstown*

City/Village/Township: *Youngstown*

Ward/Precinct: [Blank]

Zip Code: *44503*

County: *Mahoning*

Date of Signing: *8-24-15*

6. Signature: *Cynthia Boston*

Print First Name: *Cynthia Boston*

Print Last Name: *Boston*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *39 Lansdowne Blvd Youngstown*

City/Village/Township: *Youngstown*

Ward/Precinct: [Blank]

Zip Code: *44506*

County: *Mahoning*

Date of Signing: *8-26-15*

7. Signature: *Donna Miller*

Print First Name: *Donna Miller*

Print Last Name: *Miller*

Address on file with the Board of Election: *135 Lowell Ave Youngstown*

City/Village/Township: *Youngstown*

Ward/Precinct: [Blank]

Zip Code: *44512*

County: *MAHONING*

Date of Signing: *8/31/15*

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8. Signature <i>Robert S. Nash</i>	Print First Name Robert S. N	Initial RS
	Print Last Name NASH	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>3531 Hillman street</i>				
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44507	County mahoning	Date of Signing 8/31/2015

9. Signature <i>Novella Mims</i>	Print First Name Novella	Initial NI
	Print Last Name mims	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>8 N Glen Ellen</i>				
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509	County mahoning	Date of Signing 9/2/2015

10. Signature <i>Sharonne Bratt</i>	Print First Name Sharonne	Initial SB
	Print Last Name Bratt	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>434 Parkcliffe</i>				
City/Village/Township Yo	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County mahoning	Date of Signing 9/2/2015

11. Signature <i>LAToya Wanzc</i>	Print First Name LAToya wanzc	Initial LTW
	Print Last Name wanzc	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1220 Wendis Cir Apt B</i>				
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County mahoning	Date of Signing 9/2/2015

12. Signature <i>Jean Tapscott</i>	Print First Name Jean	Initial E
	Print Last Name TAPSCOTT	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>550 1/2 E. Jackson</i>				
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County mahoning	Date of Signing 09/02/15

13. Signature <i>Sharon Tapscott</i>	Print First Name SHARON	Initial R
	Print Last Name Tapscott	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>527 Miller St.</i>				
City/Village/Township Yo	Ward/Precinct OH	Zip Code 44502	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-2-15

14. Signature <i>W Foster</i>	Print First Name Willie	Initial E
	Print Last Name Foster	

Address on file with the Board of Election <i>601 Magnolia Ave.</i>				
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15. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Jerry</i>	Initial <i>UBJ</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Bellon Jr.</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
370 6th St

City/Village/Township <i>Campbell</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44405</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/2/15</i>
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16. Signature <i>Philip A. Jackson</i>	Print First Name <i>Philip</i>	Initial <i>G</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Jackson</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
516 Clearmont Dr.

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>6</i>	Zip Code <i>44511</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>8/2/15</i>
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17. Signature <i>Maura Gilbert</i>	Print First Name <i>Maura</i>	Initial <i>MG</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Gilbert</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
14290916 St

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44506</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/2/15</i>
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18. Signature <i>Paul Lewis</i>	Print First Name <i>Paul</i>	Initial <i>L</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Lewis</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
25 W Rayn

City/Village/Township <i>440</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44503</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-2-15</i>
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19. Signature <i>Emily Steck</i>	Print First Name <i>EMILY</i>	Initial <i>EAS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Steck</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1635 Moorefield AVE

City/Village/Township <i>Austintown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-2-15</i>
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20. Signature <i>Shannon Gest</i>	Print First Name <i>Shannon</i>	Initial <i>SG</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Gest</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1647 Fountain Sq DR #3

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21. Signature <i>Cierra Mann</i>	Print First Name <i>Cierra</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Mann</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
670 McBride St.

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(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.
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(Signed)

131 Wint, Blvd
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8. Signature *[Redacted]* Print First Name Erik Initial D
 Print Last Name [Redacted]
 Address [Redacted]
 City/Village/Township Boardman Ward/Precinct 44512 County Mahoning Date of Signing [Redacted]

9. Signature *Jamie Robson* Print First Name Jamie Initial R
 Print Last Name Robson
 Address on file with the Board of Election 4421 Ni 4621 Woodhurst Dr.
 City/Village/Township Austintown Ward/Precinct Mahoning Zip Code 44515 County Mahoning Date of Signing 9/15/15

10. Signature *Susy* Print First Name SUSANNE Initial SF
 Print Last Name FOX
 Address on file with the Board of Election 6509 Pacifica
 City/Village/Township Poland Ward/Precinct Mahoning Zip Code 44514 County MAHONING Date of Signing 9/15/15

11. Signature *Edna Engstrom* Print First Name Edna Initial L
 Print Last Name Engstrom
 Address on file with the Board of Election 155 N Navarre Ave
 City/Village/Township Austintown Ward/Precinct Mahoning Zip Code 44515 County Mahoning Date of Signing 9-15-15

12. Signature *Cedric D. Pope* Print First Name Collin Initial D
 Print Last Name Pope
 Address on file with the Board of Election 4699 Villa Marie Rd
 City/Village/Township Lowellville Ward/Precinct Mahoning Zip Code 44436 County Mahoning Date of Signing 9/15/15

13. Signature *Jacob Zaluski* Print First Name Jacob Initial
 Print Last Name Zaluski
 Address on file with the Board of Election 114 Court Street
 City/Village/Township Canfield Ward/Precinct Mahoning Zip Code 44406 County Mahoning Date of Signing 9/15/15

14. Signature *Alesha Walker* Print First Name Jeshia Initial
 Print Last Name Walker
 Address on file with the Board of Election 2007 South High St
 City/Village/Township Youngstown Ward/Precinct Mahoning Zip Code 44502 County Mahoning Date of Signing 9/15/15

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✓ B Signature <i>Amy Reidner</i>	Print First Name <i>Amy</i>		Initial <i>N</i>	
	Print Last Name <i>Reidner</i>			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1618 Brownlee Ave.</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44514</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-64</i>
✓ B Signature <i>Katie J. Underwood</i>	Print First Name <i>Katie</i>		Initial <i>J.</i>	
	Print Last Name <i>Underwood</i>			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>855 Detroit</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>
Signature <i>Richard Benson</i>	Print First Name <i>RICHARD BENSON</i> (RB)		Initial	
	Print Last Name <i>BENSON</i>			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2657 TART AVE</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>YOUNGSTOWN</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>
Signature <i>Marsha Lewis</i>	Print First Name <i>Marsha</i>		Initial <i>J.</i>	
	Print Last Name <i>Lewis</i>			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>218 Lucius</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Yo. OH</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/17/15</i>
Signature <i>Diane M Ammons</i>	Print First Name <i>Diane Ammons</i>		Initial <i>DA</i>	
	Print Last Name <i>Ammons</i>			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>945 PlazaView Ct Apt 9</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>09-17-15</i>
Signature <i>Deborah Gerardino</i>	Print First Name <i>Deborah</i>		Initial <i>DB</i>	
	Print Last Name <i>Gerardino</i>			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>164 W. Florida ave</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/17/2015</i>
Signature <i>Shaquida Crump</i>	Print First Name <i>Shaquida Crump</i>		Initial <i>P</i>	
	Print Last Name <i>Crump</i>			
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>745 Oxford St</i>				
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44510</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-17-15</i>

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:

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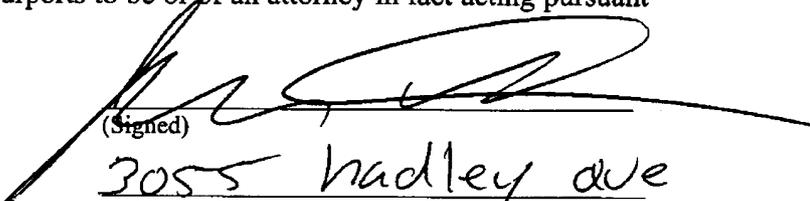
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CLEVELAND, OH 44109

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(Signed) 

3055 Hadley Ave

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)

Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Youngstown Ohio 44

City, Village or Township

Ohio

State

44505

Zip Code

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TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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August 3, 2015

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	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
131 Hilton Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44506	Mahoning	9/16/2015

9. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
514 E. Florida Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44502	Mahoning	9-16-2015

10. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
4626 New England

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44512	Mahoning	9-16-15

11. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3371 DeCamp Rd

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44511	Mahoning	9-16-15

12. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
118 Carter Cir Apt 3

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Bardonia		44512	Mahoning	9-16-15

13. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3650 Sampson Road

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Youngstown		44505	Mahoning	9-16-15

14. Signature 	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
5215 N. Beelen Dr.

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
Austintown		44515	Mahoning	9-16-15

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15. Signature <i>Nicholas Shrock</i>	Print First Name Nicholas	Initial N.S.
	Print Last Name Shrock	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1653 Squaw Creek Drive

City/Village/Township Girard	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44420	County United States	Date of Signing 9-16-2015
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16. Signature <i>Carl Heriot</i>	Print First Name MANUEL	Initial M
	Print Last Name HERIOT	

Address on file with the Board of Election
10711 PORTLAND AVE

City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9-16-15
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17. Signature <i>Stavak Johnson</i>	Print First Name STAVAK	Initial
	Print Last Name JOHNSON	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1917 Ridgeland

City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44507	County MAH	Date of Signing 9/16/15
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18. Signature <i>Seth Hannum</i>	Print First Name Seth	Initial SH
	Print Last Name Hannum	

Address on file with the Board of Election
11 Central Square Suite 306

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19. Signature <i>Mmmcooke-murphy</i>	Print First Name MADLIE	Initial M
	Print Last Name COOKE-MURPHY	

Address on file with the Board of Election
4809 ERIE ST.

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	Print Last Name COOKE-MURPHY	

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4809 Erie St.

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21. Signature <i>Michael Johnson</i>	Print First Name Michael	Initial M
	Print Last Name Johnson	

Address on file with the Board of Election
91 Wick Oval

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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").

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Darrell E Moyer

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2252 Jacobs Road

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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning
Date of Signing 9-10-15		
2. Signature Nebra Freeman	Print First Name Debra L	Initial D
Address on file with the Board of Election 516 Griffith Street # 1104		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Zip Code 44510	County Mahoning
Date of Signing 9-10-15		
3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Louis Lee	Initial L
Address on file with the Board of Election 3473 Timothy Ln		
City/Village/Township Yo.	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning
Date of Signing 9-10-15		
4. Signature Angela Perry	Print First Name Angela	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election 140 Superior		
City/Village/Township Yo	Zip Code 44510	County MAh
Date of Signing 9-10-15		
5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Rosalind	Initial B
Address on file with the Board of Election 5021 Aravesta Apt. 3		
City/Village/Township Boardman	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning
Date of Signing 9-10-15		
6. Signature Ashley Dozier	Print First Name Ashley	Initial A.D.
Address on file with the Board of Election 105 North Portland		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Zip Code 44509	County Mahoning
Date of Signing 9-10-15		
7. Signature Jynn Therp	Print First Name Jagla	Initial J
Address on file with the Board of Election 2019 Portview ave.		
City/Village/Township youngstown	Zip Code 44502	County mahoning
Date of Signing 9-10-15		

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8. Signature *Cary Wright Jr* n/r

Print First Name **CAREY** Initial

Print Last Name **Wright JR.**

Address on file with the Board of Election
189 Lowell

City/Village/Township <i>Town, Ohio</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>MA</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-10-2015</i>
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9. Signature *Adrina McFarlane* ✓

Print First Name **Adrina** Initial **J**

Print Last Name **McFarlane**

Address on file with the Board of Election
426 W Judson Ave

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44511</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-10-15</i>
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10. Signature [REDACTED] LO

Print First Name

Print Last Name

Address on file with the Board of Election

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11. Signature *Brian Slade* ✓

Print First Name **Brian** Initial **B/S**

Print Last Name **Slade**

Address on file with the Board of Election
1369 East High

City/Village/Township <i>Youngs</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/10/15</i>
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12. Signature *Tanisha Bray* ✓

Print First Name **Tanisha** Initial

Print Last Name **BRAY**

Address on file with the Board of Election
4890 Brookwood Rd

City/Village/Township <i>H. Brookwood</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/10/15</i>
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13. Signature *Angie Hubbard* ✓

Print First Name **Angie** Initial **M**

Print Last Name **Hubbard**

Address on file with the Board of Election
666 Apperest Cova Apt 25

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14. Signature *Janee George* n/r

Print First Name **Janee** Initial **J/G**

Print Last Name **George**

Address on file with the Board of Election
93wick Oval 2201c

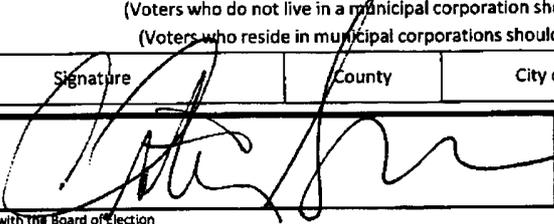
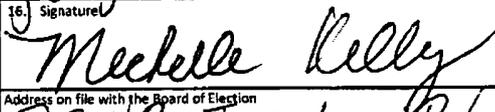
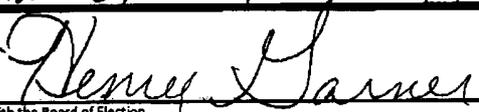
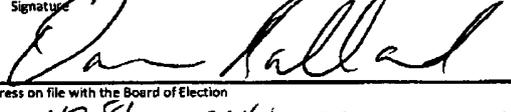
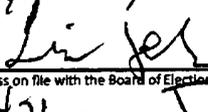
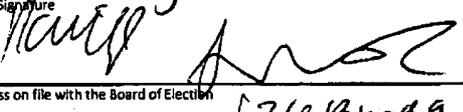
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15. Signature 					
Print First Name		Christina Waver		Initial	R
Print Last Name					
Address on file with the Board of Election					
3013 Nelson Ave					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Youngstown		44505	Mahoning	9-10-15	
16. Signature 					
Print First Name		Mechelle		Initial	J
Print Last Name		Kelly			
Address on file with the Board of Election					
2249 Jacobs Rd					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Youngstown OH 10		44505	Mahoning	9/10/15	
17. Signature 					
Print First Name		Henry		Initial	A
Print Last Name		GARNER			
Address on file with the Board of Election					
3531 Hillman St # 311					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
40 MAH		44507	MAH	9-10-15	
18. Signature 					
Print First Name		Lashonne Shakoor		Initial	M
Print Last Name		Shakoor			
Address on file with the Board of Election					
433 Dogwood Ln					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
40		44555	Mahoning	9-10-15	
19. Signature 					
Print First Name		Dawn		Initial	DB
Print Last Name		Ballard			
Address on file with the Board of Election					
1786 Atkinson Ave					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Youngstown		44505	Mahoning	9/10/15	
20. Signature 					
Print First Name		Lisa		Initial	LJ
Print Last Name		Johnson			
Address on file with the Board of Election					
426 W. Judson Ave					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Youngstown		44511	Mahoning	9-10-15	
21. Signature 					
Print First Name		Paige		Initial	P.S
Print Last Name		Saunders			
Address on file with the Board of Election					
630 Rhoads Ave					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Youngstown		44507	Mahoning	9-10-15	

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22. Signature <i>Stacia Hayden</i>		Print First Name Stacia	Initial SH
Address on file with the Board of Election 814 Bryson St.		Print Last Name Hayden	
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44505	County Mahoning
		Date of Signing 9-15-15	
23. Signature <i>EAT Underwood</i>		Print First Name Emmott E	Initial EE
Address on file with the Board of Election 441 W. Princeton Ave.		Print Last Name Underwood	
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Mahoning
		Date of Signing 9-15-15	
24. Signature <i>Robert Moore II</i>		Print First Name Robert	Initial RM
Address on file with the Board of Election 4640 South Ave. #3		Print Last Name Moore	
City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning
		Date of Signing 9-15-15	
25. Signature <i>Chelsea Dunn</i>		Print First Name Chelsea	Initial CD
Address on file with the Board of Election 5696 Lockwood Blvd.		Print Last Name Dunn	
City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning
		Date of Signing 9-15-15	
26. Signature <i>Nathaniel R Clark</i>		Print First Name Nathaniel	Initial R
Address on file with the Board of Election 499 North Salem Warren Road		Print Last Name Clark	
City/Village/Township North Jackson	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44457	County Mahoning
		Date of Signing 9/15/15	
27. Signature <i>Miriam Pasquel</i>		Print First Name Miriam	Initial MP
Address on file with the Board of Election 699 Maple Ridge Drive		Print Last Name Pasquel	
City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning
		Date of Signing 9/15/15	
28. Signature <i>Lauren V. Smith</i>		Print First Name Lauren	Initial LS
Address on file with the Board of Election 1302 Raspberry Lane		Print Last Name Smith	
City/Village/Township Mineral Ridge	Ward/Precinct OH	Zip Code 44440	County Mahoning
		Date of Signing 9-15-15	

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, MARY Whitlow, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109

(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.

Mary Whitlow
(Signed)

4200 Hillman Apt 7
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Youngstown Ohio
City, Village or Township

Ohio 44515
State Zip Code

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Number: 000035

County: Madison § 6 (26)

INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>Awendolyn Redd</i>	Print First Name <i>Awendolyn</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name <i>REDD</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
2201 1/2 Elm St.

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2. Signature <i>Ronald V. Bell</i>	Print First Name <i>RONALD</i>	Initial <i>V.</i>
	Print Last Name <i>BELL</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
2201 1/2 ELM ST

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>MAHONING</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>
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3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>EARL</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>WINNER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
42 FAIRLAWN AVE.

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>MAHONING</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>
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4. Signature <i>James Miller</i>	Print First Name <i>JAMES</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>MILLER</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
617 FLYATT AVE

City/Village/Township <i>Cambridge</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44405</i>	County <i>MAHONING</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>
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5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Ronald</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
[Redacted]

6. Signature <i>John Sokalosh</i>	Print First Name <i>John</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>SOKALOSH</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
5110 Willow Crest

City/Village/Township <i>Austintown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>MAH</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-22-15</i>
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7. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>DAVID JACKSON</i>	Initial <i>DJ</i>
	Print Last Name <i>JACKSON</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3rd Mieseger Ln

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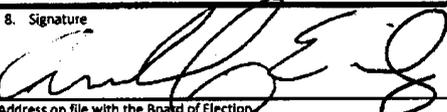
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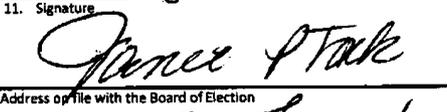
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8. Signature 		Print First Name Andre	Initial J
		Print Last Name Earvin	
Address on file with the Board of Election 12 E. Lucius			
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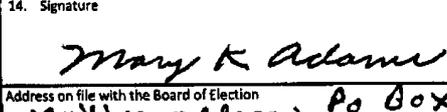
9. Signature 		Print First Name Sharon Kenedy	Initial J
		Print Last Name Kenedy	
Address on file with the Board of Election 25 Miller			
City/Village/Township C	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44507	County Mah
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10. Signature 		Print First Name Claudia	Initial M.
		Print Last Name Harris	
Address on file with the Board of Election 4332 Webster Ave			
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning
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11. Signature 		Print First Name JANEE	Initial
		Print Last Name PTAK	
Address on file with the Board of Election 247 Forest Ave			
City/Village/Township Lake Milton	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44439	County Mahoning
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12. Signature 		Print First Name GARY	Initial
		Print Last Name PTAK	
Address on file with the Board of Election 347 Forest Ave			
City/Village/Township Lake Milton	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44429	County Mahoning
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13. Signature 		Print First Name Martha	Initial
		Print Last Name Gezaljak	
Address on file with the Board of Election 11261 Mahoning Ave			
City/Village/Township North Jackson	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44451	County Mahoning
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14. Signature 		Print First Name Mary	Initial
		Print Last Name Adams	
Address on file with the Board of Election Mailing address: Po Box 303 Canfield, OH 44406 Physical Address: 16500 Akron Canfield Rd.			
City/Village/Township Berlin Center	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44401	County Mahoning
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15. Signature <i>Patricia A. Gordulic</i>	Print First Name <i>Patricia</i>	Initial <i>A.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1127 Detroit Ave</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>7th</i>	Zip Code <i>44502</i>
County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-23-15</i>	

16. Signature <i>Gerald James Miller</i>	Print First Name <i>Gerald</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>10268 New Buffalo Rd.</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Canfield</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44006</i>
County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-23-15</i>	

17. Signature <i>James Patterson</i>	Print First Name <i>James P.</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>7544 Market St</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Boardman</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>
County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/23/15</i>	

18. Signature <i>Martha Patterson</i>	Print First Name <i>Martha</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>89 Terrace Drive</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Boardman</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>
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19. Signature <i>James Miller</i>	Print First Name <i>James</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1078 E Garfield Rd.</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>New Springfield</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44443</i>
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20. Signature <i>John Brown</i>	Print First Name <i>John</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>732 E. Dewey</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>90</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>
County <i>Mah</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/23/15</i>	

21. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Boardman</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>
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22. Signature <i>Chelsea Wolfe</i>	Print First Name	<i>Chelsea</i>	Initial	<i>m</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Wolfe</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
4523 Center Rd.

City/Village/Township <i>Lowellville</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44436</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>09/23/15</i>
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23. Signature <i>Larry Chapp</i>	Print First Name	<i>Larry</i>	Initial	<i>L</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Chapp</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
3706 Souce Ann Dr.

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24. Signature <i>Orson Penny</i>	Print First Name	<i>Orson</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Penny</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
580 Palmer Ave.

City/Village/Township <i>Yo oh</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-23-15</i>
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25. Signature <i>Delaney Mathews</i>	Print First Name	<i>Delaney</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Mathews</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
91 Wick oval

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26. Signature <i>Christina Mixer</i>	Print First Name	<i>Christina</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Mixer</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
442 Catalina

City/Village/Township <i>Yo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44504</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-23-15</i>
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27. Signature <i>Joseph Miller</i>	Print First Name	<i>Joseph</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Miller</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
7410 West Blvd.

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28. Signature <i>Dakara Hudson</i>	Print First Name	<i>Dakara</i>	Initial	<i>DH</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>Hudson</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
858 Ford S.T

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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, Angelina Benedis, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3909 Pensacola Ave Cleve OH 44109

(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.

Angelina Benedis
(Signed)

869 Palmettos

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

Youngstown Oh
City, Village or Township

Oh
State

44502
Zip Code

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

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The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman
2618 N. Cassady Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name BENNETT	Initial
	Print Last Name FINLEY	

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114 W. Goodson

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2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Sharon	Initial
	Print Last Name Barris	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1422 Aron Street

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3. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Ashley	Initial
	Print Last Name Slaven	

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98 Washington Blvd Apt. 4

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4. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name NELVETON	Initial
	Print Last Name BUTLER III	

Address on file with the Board of Election
2771 Mt VERNON AVE

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5. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Chris	Initial
	Print Last Name Habuda	

Address on file with the Board of Election
202 Waggaman Cir.

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6. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name RYAN	Initial C
	Print Last Name BISSETT	

Address on file with the Board of Election
6075 WEAVER RD

City/Village/Township BERLIN CENTER	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44401	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/18/2015
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7. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Lyle	Initial R
	Print Last Name Mickel	

Address on file with the Board of Election
724 PINEVIEW AVE

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8. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Diane* Initial *DP*
 Print Last Name *Pattway*
 Address on file with the Board of Election
1613 FAIRMONT AOE
 City/Village/Township *YOUNGSTOWN* Ward/Precinct _____ Zip Code *44510* County *MAHONING* Date of Signing *9/19/2015*

9. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Jop* Initial *SC*
 Print Last Name *Canada*
 Address on file with the Board of Election
180 Park Rd
 City/Village/Township *Ward* Ward/Precinct _____ Zip Code *44514* County *Mahoning* Date of Signing *9/20/15*

10. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *TE ANDRE* Initial *S*
 Print Last Name *PERRY*
 Address on file with the Board of Election
2109 McGuffey Rd
 City/Village/Township *YOUNGSTOWN* Ward/Precinct _____ Zip Code *44505* County *Mahoning* Date of Signing *9/21/15*

11. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Jaslyn* Initial *T*
 Print Last Name *Abrams*
 Address on file with the Board of Election
2109 McGuffey Rd
 City/Village/Township *YOUNGSTOWN* Ward/Precinct _____ Zip Code *44505* County *Mahoning* Date of Signing *9/21/15*

12. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Milagros* Initial *M.C.*
 Print Last Name *Cuevas*
 Address on file with the Board of Election
1020 Star St.
 City/Village/Township *Youngstown* Ward/Precinct _____ Zip Code *44505* County *Mahoning* Date of Signing *9-22-15*

13. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Sandra* Initial *L*
 Print Last Name *Rebar*
 Address on file with the Board of Election
2363 E. Midlothain
 City/Village/Township *Struthers* Ward/Precinct _____ Zip Code *44471* County *Mahoning* Date of Signing *9-22-15*

14. Signature *[Signature]* Print First Name *Tenisha* Initial _____
 Print Last Name *Robinson*
 Address on file with the Board of Election
134 N. Garland Ave
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15. Signature <i>N. Casard</i>	Print First Name Niccollette	Initial NA
	Print Last Name Apronte	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1004 Delaware Ave.

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16. Signature <i>Monique Wilder</i>	Print First Name MONIQUE	Initial MW
	Print Last Name WILDER	

Address on file with the Board of Election
557 Cameron Ave

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17. Signature <i>Tenneille Robinson</i>	Print First Name Tenneille	Initial T.R
	Print Last Name ROBINSON	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1356 Belmont Ave

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18. Signature <i>Mohammad Jadun</i>	Print First Name MOHAMMAD	Initial
	Print Last Name JADUN	

Address on file with the Board of Election
6271 Saint Andrews Dr.

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19. Signature <i>A. Blume</i>	Print First Name Ireland	Initial A
	Print Last Name Blume	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1502 Tamarisk Trail

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20. Signature <i>M. Martin</i>	Print First Name MARTIN	Initial
	Print Last Name CARR	

Address on file with the Board of Election
450 CEDAR GARDEN DRIVE

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21. Signature <i>Samantha Samanth</i>	Print First Name Samantha	Initial S/S
	Print Last Name Samantha	

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22. Signature <i>Alyssa Stiner</i>	Print First Name Alyssa	Initial AS
	Print Last Name Stiner	

Address on file with the Board of Election
56 Erskine Av

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23. Signature <i>Robert Ledler, Jr</i>	Print First Name ROBERT	Initial J
	Print Last Name LEDLER, JR	

Address on file with the Board of Election
2552 STONER AV

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24. Signature <i>Jonathon Burns</i>	Print First Name Jonathon	Initial R
	Print Last Name Burns	

Address on file with the Board of Election
392 N. Main St

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25. Signature <i>Kathryn Testa</i>	Print First Name KATHY	Initial
	Print Last Name TESTA	

Address on file with the Board of Election
371 ANGLIS AVE

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26. Signature <i>Shakir Husain</i>	Print First Name SHAKIR	Initial
	Print Last Name HUSAIN	

Address on file with the Board of Election
6147 Westington Dr

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27. Signature <i>Jan Dunker</i>	Print First Name Jan	Initial
	Print Last Name Dunker	

Address on file with the Board of Election
2475 S Lipkey Rd.

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28. Signature <i>Kandace</i>	Print First Name Kandace	Initial

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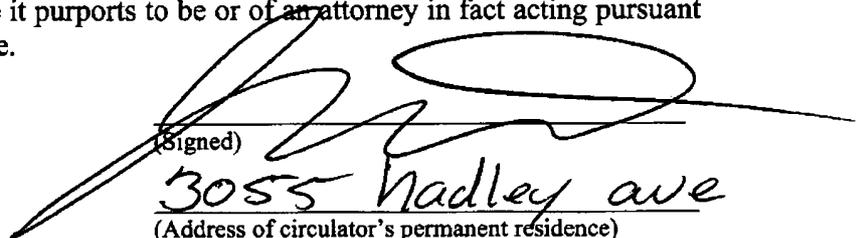
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I, Jesus DeHostos, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC
3909 Pensacola Ave Cleveland OH 44109
(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.


(Signed)
3055 Nadley ave
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route
Youngstown
City, Village or Township
Ohio 44505
State Zip Code

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Number: 000037

County: MATTONING

INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

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- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
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- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

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CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

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1. Signature <i>Vicki Walter</i>	Print First Name <i>Vicki</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Walter</i>	

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2. Signature <i>Camel Shelton</i>	Print First Name <i>Cametrius</i>	Initial <i>CS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Shelton</i>	

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3. Signature <i>Sam Miller</i>	Print First Name <i>Sam</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Miller</i>	

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4. Signature <i>David Busse</i>	Print First Name <i>David</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Busse</i>	

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73 Whitman

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5. Signature <i>Sherry Anderson</i>	Print First Name <i>Sherry</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Anderson</i>	

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110 McClure St

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6. Signature <i>Nancy S. Schuler</i>	Print First Name <i>Nancy</i>	Initial <i>NSS</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Schuler</i>	<i>9-6-15</i>

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7. Signature <i>Jeffrey M. Anders</i>	Print First Name <i>Jeffrey</i>	Initial <i>JMA</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Anders</i>	

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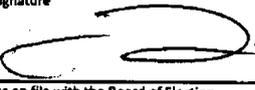
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	Print Last Name Finn	
Address on file with the Board of Election 3906 Cascade Dr		
City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511
County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9-11-15	
9. Signature Maureen A. Finn	Print First Name Maureen	Initial M
	Print Last Name Finn	
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County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-11-15	
10. Signature Carl S Bueckery Sr.	Print First Name CARL	Initial S
	Print Last Name BUCKERY	
Address on file with the Board of Election 327 REDONDO RD		
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11. Signature Darlene Malaska	Print First Name DARLENE	Initial M
	Print Last Name MALASKA	
Address on file with the Board of Election 3823 Cumberland Dr.		
City/Village/Township Hushtown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44315
County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/15/15	
12. Signature Elderick Smolak	Print First Name ELDERICK	Initial M
	Print Last Name SMOLAK	
Address on file with the Board of Election 109 S MARYLAND DR		
City/Village/Township YOUNGSTOWN	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44509
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13. Signature William A. Cole	Print First Name WILBUR	Initial L
	Print Last Name COLE	
Address on file with the Board of Election 2820 HAMMAN DR.		
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	Print Last Name COLE	
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	Print Last Name	JELLE		

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	Print Last Name	Barista		

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5658 Tidane Ave

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17. Signature <i>Robert J. Zambrey</i>	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			

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18. Signature <i>Michael L. Luck</i>	Print First Name	Michael	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Luck		

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19. Signature <i>Laurie Bowers</i>	Print First Name	Laurie	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Bowers		

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Austintown

20. Signature <i>Madeline Halpern</i>	Print First Name	MADILYN	Initial	
	Print Last Name	HALPERN		

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Youngstown

21. Signature <i>Ronelle M. Halpern</i>	Print First Name	Ronelle	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Halpern		

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730 B. MAIN

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23. Signature <i>Brian Stanley</i>	Print First Name <i>BRIAN</i>	Print Last Name <i>STANLEY</i>	Initial
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24. Signature <i>Bernadette Erzo</i>	Print First Name <i>Bernadette</i>	Print Last Name <i>ERZO</i>	Initial
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25. Signature <i>Veljean Smith</i>	Print First Name <i>VELJEAN</i>	Print Last Name <i>SMITH</i>	Initial <i>h</i>
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26. Signature <i>Sharon Blake</i>	Print First Name <i>Sharon P</i>	Print Last Name <i>BLAKE</i>	Initial
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27. Signature <i>Anthony Cretely</i>	Print First Name <i>Anthony Cretely</i>	Print Last Name <i>Cretely</i>	Initial
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28. Signature <i>James Brassfield</i>	Print First Name <i>James</i>	Print Last Name <i>BRASSFIELD</i>	Initial
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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:

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Print Last Name <i>JAMES</i>		

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City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>
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2. Signature <i>Mr L P</i>	Print First Name <i>MELVIN L</i>	Initial <i>ML</i>
Print Last Name <i>PETERSON</i>		

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49450 England Drive

City/Village/Township <i>EAST Palatine</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44463</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i> (M?)	Date of Signing <i>9-15-15</i>
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3. Signature <i>Audrey Dougherty</i>	Print First Name <i>Audrey</i>	Initial <i>AD</i>
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4. Signature <i>Emanuel Thomas</i>	Print First Name <i>EMANUEL</i>	Initial
Print Last Name <i>THOMAS</i>		

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5. Signature <i>Cindy J Backer</i>	Print First Name <i>Cindy J</i>	Initial <i>CJ</i>
Print Last Name <i>BACKER</i>		

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6. Signature <i>Charles Lightfoot Jr.</i>	Print First Name <i>CHARLES LIGHTFOOT JR.</i>	Initial <i>CLJR</i>
Print Last Name <i>CHARLES LIGHTFOOT JR.</i>		

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7. Signature <i>BARBARA HESS</i>	Print First Name <i>BARBARA</i>	Initial <i>BH</i>
Print Last Name <i>HESS</i>		

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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>966 Bonnie Brook Ave</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>330-513-162</i>	Zip Code <i>44511</i>
County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/16/15</i>	
9. Signature <i>Ronald Robinson</i>	Print First Name <i>Ronald</i>	Initial <i>RR</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>915 Beckley ave</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>
County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/16/15</i>	
10. Signature <i>Nicole Budd</i>	Print First Name <i>Nicole</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>628 Duke Circle</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>
County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9 16 15</i>	
11. Signature <i>James H. Thayer</i>	Print First Name <i>JAMES</i>	Initial <i>JH</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>150 W. 6th St.</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Yn Ohio</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>
County <i>msky</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-16-15</i>	
12. Signature <i>Detricia S. Sewell</i>	Print First Name <i>Detricia S. Sewell</i>	Initial <i>D.S.S.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>25 Market St #300</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44503</i>
County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/16/15</i>	
13. Signature <i>Wanda S. Green</i>	Print First Name <i>Wanda S. Green</i>	Initial <i>W.S.G.</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>25 Market Street Apt 401</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>
County <i>Youngstown</i>	Date of Signing <i>Sept 16 2015</i>	
14. Signature <i>Gloria Dohard</i>	Print First Name <i>Gloria</i>	Initial <i>GD</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>25 Market St. apt. 1205</i>		
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44503</i>
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15. Signature <i>Joe Sphan</i>	Print First Name JOE	Initial JS
	Print Last Name Sphan	

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519 W. HYDA AVE

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16. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name Joe	Initial JB
	Print Last Name [Redacted]	

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17. Signature <i>Mark Tatarka</i>	Print First Name Mark	Initial J
	Print Last Name Tatarka	

Address on file with the Board of Election
8436 N. PALMYRA RD

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18. Signature <i>Marissa Cattoi</i>	Print First Name Marissa	Initial MC
	Print Last Name Cattoi	

Address on file with the Board of Election
119 E. WALNUT ST

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19. Signature <i>Curtis Beley</i>	Print First Name Curtis	Initial CB
	Print Last Name Beley	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1474 SHRY

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20. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name Jon	Initial [Redacted]
	Print Last Name Snyder	

Address on file with the Board of Election
79 AUSE DR.

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21. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name Brian	Initial BRW
	Print Last Name [Redacted]	

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	Print Last Name <i>Benedis</i>	

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862 E. Lucius Ave

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23. Signature <i>Kathryn Ann Rekiel</i>	Print First Name <i>KATHRYN ANN REKIEL</i>	Initial <i>A</i>
	Print Last Name <i>REKIEL</i>	

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24. Signature <i>Jonathan Jackson</i>	Print First Name <i>JONATHAN</i>	Initial <i>J</i>
	Print Last Name <i>JACKSON</i>	

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	Print Last Name <i>Wetherby</i>	

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	Print Last Name <i>Mandy Rambert</i>	

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13440 Mahoning Ave

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	Print Last Name <i>Baker</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:

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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.
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- (3) To provide for the Act's proper legal defense should it be adopted and thereafter challenged in court.

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1. Signature <i>Tracy Cline</i>	Print First Name	Tracy	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	CLINE		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2027 Pointview</i>				
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<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44502</i>	<i>MAH</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
2. Signature <i>Neda Brimhall</i>	Print First Name	NEDA	Initial	L
	Print Last Name	Brimhall		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2027 Pointview</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44502</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
3. Signature <i>Kenneth Heriot</i>	Print First Name	Kenneth	Initial	F
	Print Last Name	Heriot		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1129 Verony AV Apt D</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
4. Signature <i>Daisy Snipes</i>	Print First Name	Daisy Snipes	Initial	A
	Print Last Name	Snipes		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>69 E. Lucius</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown Mah</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>MAH</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
5. Signature <i>Arnold X.D. Harding</i>	Print First Name	ARNOLD HA	Initial	<i>HARDING</i>
	Print Last Name	HARDING		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>208 FRONT ST</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>MAH</i>		<i>44501</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-14-15</i>
6. Signature <i>Mike Shugart</i>	Print First Name	MIKE	Initial	MS
	Print Last Name	Shugart		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1537 Lansdowne</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Youngstown</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-14-2015</i>
7. Signature <i>Richard Carter</i>	Print First Name	RICHARD	Initial	
	Print Last Name	CARTER		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>25 Market St 1608</i>				
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
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<i>Louis Carlson</i>	Louis	S
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Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name
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<i>228, n. Heights</i>	Carlson
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<i>Dontrell McCreary</i>	Dontrell	D
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Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name
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<i>4151 Logan gate Rd.</i>	McCreary
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<i>Warren</i>		<i>44483</i>	<i>Trumbull</i>	<i>9-15-15</i>
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<i>Cheryl A Strait</i>	CHERYL A STRAIT	A
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<i>3820 Malvern drive #9A</i>	
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<i>MAHONING</i>		<i>44515</i>	<i>MAH</i>	<i>9-15-2015</i>
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26. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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<i>R.D. BARONE</i>	Ralph	
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Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name
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<i>3505 New Castle Rd</i>	BARONE
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<i>LOWELLVILLE</i>		<i>44436</i>	<i>MAH</i>	<i>9-15-15</i>
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<i>Theresa Semchee</i>	Theresa	
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<i>3035 New Rd.</i>	Semchee
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28. Signature	Print First Name	Initial
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<i>Annie Green</i>	Annie E	ABG
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Address on file with the Board of Election	Print Last Name
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<i>701 Dickson St.</i>	GREEN
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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.
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(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, Jeremy Everhard, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3909 Pensacola Ave Clev OH 44109

(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.

Jeremy Everhard
(Signed)

865 Palmer Ave

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

Youngstown OH
City, Village or Township

OH 441503
State Zip Code

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INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

SUMMARY

The Act would enact Section 194.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to require that notwithstanding any other provision of law and in so far as permissible under federal law, the State of Ohio shall not enter into any agreement for the purchase of prescription drugs or agree to pay, directly or indirectly, for prescription drugs, including where the state is the ultimate payer, unless the net cost is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Among other provisions, the Act also:

- Sets forth the title of the Act as "The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act."
- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
- Authorizes state departments, agencies and other state entities to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of the Act.
- Provide that the Act shall liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- Provide that if any provision of the Act is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Provide that if the Act is challenged in court, it shall be defended by the Attorney General.
- Declare that the committee of individuals responsible for circulation of the petition ("the proponents") have a direct and personal stake in defending the Act and any one or more of them may do so in court if challenged. Provide that the proponents shall be indemnified by the state for their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in defending against a legal challenge to the Act. Provide that the proponents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a civil fine of \$10,000 to the state if the Act or any of its provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, but shall have no other personal liability.
- Provide that in the event that the Act and another law are adopted by the voters at the same election and contain conflicting provisions and the Act received less votes, the non-conflicting provisions of the Act shall take effect.
- Require the General Assembly to enact any additional laws and the Governor to take any additional actions required to promptly implement the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Latonya D. Thurman
2618 N. Cassady Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43219

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1. Signature					Initial
Signature	44501	Mahoning			15

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Signature					Initial
Print First Name	SACCOUETINE				
Print Last Name	PENNY-LYNN				
Address on file with the Board of Election					
1607 W. Chalmers Ave					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
Youngstown		44501	Mahoning	8-31-2015	

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3. Signature					Initial
Print First Name	Barbara Barbara				A
Print Last Name	Prifer				
Address on file with the Board of Election					
153 Kenmore Ave					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
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Signature					Initial
Print First Name	Lenny				LC
Print Last Name	Crum				
Address on file with the Board of Election					
127 W. Chalmers					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
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Signature					Initial
Print First Name	Ernestine Watkins				
Print Last Name	WATKINS				
Address on file with the Board of Election					
61 E. Lucius Ave					
City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing	
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6. Signature					Initial
Print First Name	Gregory				L
Print Last Name	Dulick				
Address on file with the Board of Election					
1634 Thalia Ave					
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7. Signature					Initial
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15. Signature <i>Flora Henderson</i>	Print First Name FLORA	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Henderson</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1840 MARKET ST. APT. 311

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/2/15</i>
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16. Signature <i>Carolee Manning</i>	Print First Name CAROLEE	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>MANNING</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
188 TREMBLE AVE

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17. Signature <i>Lavonne Mahon</i> LAVONNE MAHON	Print First Name LAVONNE MAHON	Initial
	Print Last Name MAHON	

Address on file with the Board of Election
244 N. R. ADKINS AVE

City/Village/Township <i>40, Ohio</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>MAHONING</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/2/15</i>
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18. Signature <i>Linda Pringo</i>	Print First Name LINDA	Initial
	Print Last Name WINGO	

Address on file with the Board of Election
360 St. Louis

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19. Signature <i>Vince Whitlow</i>	Print First Name VINCE	Initial <i>VW</i>
	Print Last Name WHITLOW	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1390 Forest View Dr.

City/Village/Township <i>Yo.</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/2/2015</i>
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20. Signature <i>Mark Wahlen</i> wahlen	Print First Name M O S	Initial
	Print Last Name WALKER	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3511 Hudson

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21. Signature <i>Candace Williams</i>	Print First Name CANDACE	Initial <i>C</i>
	Print Last Name WILLIAMS	

Address on file with the Board of Election
131 W. Boardman St Apt 1102

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I, MARY Wh. How, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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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Mary E. Whitlow
(Signed)

4000 Hillmayway Apt 7
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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City, Village or Township

ohio
State

44512
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SUMMARY

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CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General's Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

MIKE DeWINE
Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

William S. Booth
1243 Wilson Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Daniel L. Darland
3811 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Tracy L. Jones
5903 Bear Creek Dr.
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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	Print Last Name Vinion	

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4130 Woodmere Dr

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2. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Seffrey	Initial M
	Print Last Name MATHY	

Address on file with the Board of Election
11240 Silica

City/Village/Township North Jackson	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44451	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9-4-15
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3. Signature <i>T. Funn</i>	Print First Name Timothy	Initial T
	Print Last Name Fawcett	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3563 MAPLE SPRINGS DRIVE

City/Village/Township CANFIELD	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44406	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/4/15
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4. Signature <i>Scott Eilenfield</i>	Print First Name Scott	Initial F
	Print Last Name Eilenfield	

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634 CAROLINA DR.

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5. Signature <i>Alex</i>	Print First Name Felix	Initial
	Print Last Name Alegre	

Address on file with the Board of Election
304 12th Street

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6. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Benson	Initial
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525 A Vonjak

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7. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Ronald	Initial E
	Print Last Name Womack III	

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1994 Matthews Rd Apt 2

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8. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>LeRoy Jackson</i>	Initial <i>LS</i>
	Print Last Name	

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59 Fairview St

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9. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Denise</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Leonard</i>	

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101 6th Street

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10. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>	Print First Name	Initial
	Print Last Name	

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11. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Courtney</i>	Initial <i>M</i>
	Print Last Name	

Address on file with the Board of Election
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12. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Keenya</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>Hogan</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
335 North Yorkshire

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13. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Taylor</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
	Print Last Name <i>HOGAN</i>	

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14. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name <i>Theresa</i>	Initial
	Print Last Name <i>Bennett</i>	

Address on file with the Board of Election
3019 Frederick on April

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15. Signature <i>John M. DeSantis</i>	Print First Name	John	Initial	
	Print Last Name	DESANTIS		

Address on file with the Board of Election
2329 LOGAN AVE

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<i>Yo.</i>	<i>OHIO</i>	<i>44420</i>	<i>MAHONING</i>	<i>9-4-16</i>

16. Signature <i>Mayla Perez</i>	Print First Name	Mayla	Initial	<i>MP</i>
	Print Last Name	Perez		

Address on file with the Board of Election
1080 compass west dr. apt. 6

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17. Signature <i>Levi Duan</i>	Print First Name	Levi	Initial	
	Print Last Name	Duan		

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1780 Paisley

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18. Signature <i>Crystal L. Wallace</i>	Print First Name	Crystal	Initial	<i>CW</i>
	Print Last Name	Wallace		

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1080 Eastway Dr Apt 8

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19. Signature <i>Fred Foose</i>	Print First Name	FRED	Initial	
	Print Last Name	FOOSE		

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2006 SUMME

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	County	Date of Signing
<i>Yo. MA.</i>		<i>44511</i>	<i>MA</i>	<i>9/8/2015</i>

20. Signature <i>Lisa Dejesus</i>	Print First Name	Lisa	Initial	<i>L.D.</i>
	Print Last Name	Dejesus		

Address on file with the Board of Election
140 Saranac

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21. Signature <i>Britanel Pete</i>	Print First Name	Britanel	Initial	<i>B.P</i>
	Print Last Name	Pete		

Address on file with the Board of Election
366 Broadview Ave

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

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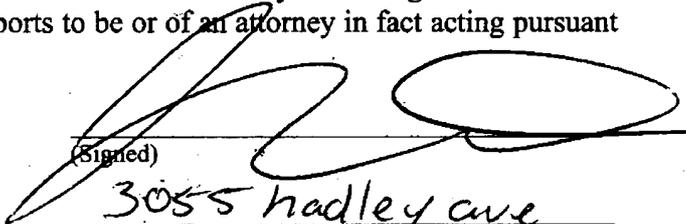
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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>371 Melrose Ave</i>		Print Last Name <i>Bowen</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Boardman</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/16/15</i>	
2. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>		Print First Name <i>CHARLES GILBERT</i>		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>		Print Last Name			
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44425</i>	County <i>Trumbull</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-16-15</i>	
3. Signature <i>William Jennings</i>		Print First Name <i>William</i>		Initial <i>WJ</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1077 E. 1st St. Apt #4</i>		Print Last Name <i>Jennings</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-16-2015</i>	
4. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>		Print First Name <i>Rickey</i>		Initial <i>RE</i>	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1534 Bancroft Av</i>		Print Last Name <i>EVANS</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>4th Roland</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44514</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/16/15</i>	
5. Signature <i>Joseph Gray Jr</i>		Print First Name <i>Joseph</i>		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1840 Maple St Rt-308</i>		Print Last Name <i>GRAY</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Moh</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-16-15</i>	
6. Signature <i>Margie Lynch</i>		Print First Name <i>MARGIE</i>		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>2918 Northwood Ave</i>		Print Last Name <i>Lynch</i>			
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>2nd</i>	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-16-15</i>	
7. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>		Print First Name <i>SHERRY</i>		Initial	
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>		Print Last Name			
City/Village/Township <i>[Redacted]</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44446</i>	County <i>Trumbull</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-16-15</i>	

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8. Signature <i>George J...</i>	Print First Name George George	Initial A
Print Last Name JACKSON JACKSON		

Address on file with the Board of Election
1764 Market St

City/Village/Township Youngstown	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44507	County MAHONING	Date of Signing 9/21/15
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9. Signature ...	Print First Name ...	Initial ...
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10. Signature <i>Oreda Riddle</i>	Print First Name OREDA	Initial OR
Print Last Name RIDDLE		

Address on file with the Board of Election
2709 REE

City/Village/Township 40	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44511	County Ma.	Date of Signing 9/23/15
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11. Signature <i>Khonda Brice</i>	Print First Name Khonda	Initial
Print Last Name BRICE		

Address on file with the Board of Election
1058 Eastway DR

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12. Signature <i>Merry Lark</i>	Print First Name MERRY	Initial D
Print Last Name LARKY		

Address on file with the Board of Election
49 W. Florida Ave

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13. Signature <i>Shagunah Bone</i>	Print First Name SHAGUNAH	Initial SB
Print Last Name BONE		

Address on file with the Board of Election
1518 Cedar Lane

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14. Signature <i>Antonio L. Spennati</i>	Print First Name ANTONIO	Initial
Print Last Name SPENNATI		

Address on file with the Board of Election
306 Potosi AC Ave

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15. Signature <i>Lillie M. Hudson</i>	Print First Name <i>Lillie</i>	Initial	Print Last Name <i>Lillie M. Hudson</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>558 Cohasset Dr</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>40</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44511</i>	County <i>MAHONY</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-23-15</i>	
16. Signature <i>Donald R. Hudson SR.</i>	Print First Name <i>Donald R.</i>	Initial	Print Last Name <i>Hudson SR</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>354 FAW AV.</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>113</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>4</i>	Zip Code <i>44502</i>	County <i>Moh.</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-23-15</i>	
17. Signature <i>Craig Wright</i>	Print First Name <i>Craig</i>	Initial <i>E</i>	Print Last Name <i>Wright</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>26 Lakewood Circle</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>MAHONY</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-23-15</i>	
18. Signature <i>Fladd D. Teague</i>	Print First Name <i>Fladd</i>	Initial <i>FD</i>	Print Last Name <i>Teague</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>88 Rutledge Dr</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>10</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>MAH</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>	
19. Signature <i>Bobby McPhatter</i>	Print First Name <i>Bobby</i>	Initial	Print Last Name <i>McPhatter</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1306 Dryden St</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Mad</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>	
20. Signature <i>Lewitt Buchanan</i>	Print First Name <i>Quintin</i>	Initial <i>L</i>	Print Last Name <i>Buchanan</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>320 Elk St</i>					
City/Village/Township <i>40</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44505</i>	County <i>Moh.</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-24-15</i>	
21. Signature <i>Jeanne Hartley</i>	Print First Name <i>Jeanne</i>	Initial	Print Last Name <i>Hartley</i>		
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>456 EARLY RD</i>					
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	Print Last Name	<i>WATERS</i>		

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555 K. B. A. RD

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<i>GD</i>		<i>44505</i>	<i>MAHONING</i>	<i>9-24-2015</i>

23. Signature <i>JUNE WESTBROOK</i>	Print First Name	<i>JUNE WESTBROOK</i>	Initial	<i>J.W.</i>
	Print Last Name	<i>WESTBROOK</i>		

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854 SUNSHINE AVE.

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24. Signature <i>Francine Shivers</i>	Print First Name	<i>Francine</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Shivers</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
3121 Leo Ave

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25. Signature <i>Judy Wilson</i>	Print First Name	<i>Judy</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Wilson</i>		

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111 Creed Circle

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<i>Campbell</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>44405</i>	<i>Mahoning</i>	<i>9-24-15</i>

26. Signature <i>Debbie Beacham</i>	Print First Name	<i>Kibwe</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>Beacham</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
210 Mumford

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	Print Last Name			

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214 COURTLAND AVE.

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<i>CAMPBELL</i>		<i>44405</i>	<i>MAHONING</i>	<i>9-24-15</i>

28. Signature <i>Rene Jordan</i>	Print First Name	<i>Rene Jordan</i>	Initial	
	Print Last Name	<i>JORDAN</i>		

Address on file with the Board of Election
187 Mumfords

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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.
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- (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.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, MARY WHITKOW, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 28 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

Ohio Petitioning Partners LLC

3909 Pensacola Ave Cleveland OH 44109

(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.

Mary Whitkow
(Signed)

4200 Hillmanway Apt 7
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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ohio 44512
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INITIATIVE PETITION

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

TITLE

Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

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SUMMARY

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- Sets forth Findings and Declarations and Purposes and Intent of the Act.
- Sets forth factors in determining "net cost."
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Ohio Attorney General
August 3, 2015

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Address on file with the Board of Election <i>400 Catherine St.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Kirk</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44605</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
			Date of Signing <i>9/18/15</i>
2. Signature <i>William Ryhal</i>		Print First Name <i>William</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>553 Grace St.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Ryhal</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Hubbard</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44425</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
			Date of Signing <i>9/18/15</i>
3. Signature <i>Nadiah Morgan</i>		Print First Name <i>Nadiah</i>	Initial <i>N.M</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>17 Labelle Ave</i>		Print Last Name <i>Morgan</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44607</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
			Date of Signing <i>9/18/15</i>
4. Signature <i>Kailin Coleman</i>		Print First Name <i>Kailin</i>	Initial <i>R</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>110 West Princeton Ave.</i>		Print Last Name <i>Coleman</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44507</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
			Date of Signing <i>9-18-15</i>
5. Signature <i>[Redacted]</i>		Print First Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	Initial
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>[Redacted]</i>		Print Last Name <i>[Redacted]</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44602</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
			Date of Signing <i>9/18</i>
6. Signature <i>Nick Horvath</i>		Print First Name <i>Nick</i>	Initial <i>NH</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1658 Meadowbrook Ave</i>		Print Last Name <i>Horvath</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct <i>7</i>	Zip Code <i>44514</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
			Date of Signing <i>9-18-15</i>
7. Signature <i>Cody Mike Schindler</i>		Print First Name <i>Cody</i>	Initial <i>CMS</i>
Address on file with the Board of Election <i>1363 Orkney Ave</i>		Print Last Name <i>Schindler</i>	
City/Village/Township <i>Austintown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44515</i>	County <i>Mahoning</i>
			Date of Signing <i>9-18-15</i>

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8. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Lyle	Initial
	Print Last Name Basile	

Address on file with the Board of Election
379 Hunting Valley Dr

City/Village/Township Boardman	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44512	County Mahoning	Date of Signing 9/18/2015
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9. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Kevin	Initial K.A
	Print Last Name Marulaitis	

Address on file with the Board of Election
731 Bryson Apt. 301

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10. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Sierra	Initial SW
	Print Last Name Whitney	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1045 Eastway Dr

City/Village/Township MO	Ward/Precinct OH	Zip Code 44510	County mahoning	Date of Signing 9-18-2015
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11. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Raymond	Initial A.
	Print Last Name Cubek	

Address on file with the Board of Election
1045 Forestview

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12. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Doriska	Initial
	Print Last Name Riley	

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[Redacted]

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13. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Debra	Initial L
	Print Last Name Bowens	

Address on file with the Board of Election
610 Lee Ave

City/Village/Township	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code 44502	County MAH	Date of Signing 9-18-15
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14. Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Print First Name Mirjana	Initial
	Print Last Name Drazenovic	

Address on file with the Board of Election
125 East Marien Ave

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15. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name *Douglas* Initial *A*

Print Last Name *Himbrough*

Address on file with the Board of Election
227 S Truesdalk

City/Village/Township <i>Yo</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>214506</i>	County <i>Mohoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-18-15</i>
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16. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name *Robert* Initial

Print Last Name *Allen*

Address on file with the Board of Election
227 S. Truesdalk

City/Village/Township <i>Youngstown</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44506</i>	County <i>Mohony</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/18/15</i>
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17. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name *Seth* Initial

Print Last Name *Greene*

Address on file with the Board of Election
321A KIKER L

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18. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name *FRANK* Initial *FD*

Print Last Name *Divito*

Address on file with the Board of Election
Poland 3774 (ANDY WOODS)

City/Village/Township <i>Poland</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44524</i>	County <i>Mohony</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/18/15</i>
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19. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name *Jason* Initial

Print Last Name *Debon*

Address on file with the Board of Election
4502 Southern Blvd

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20. Signature *[Redacted]*

Print First Name *PATRICK* Initial *M*

Print Last Name *[Redacted]*

Address on file with the Board of Election
[Redacted]

City/Village/Township <i>[Redacted]</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44512</i>	County <i>Mohoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9/18/2015</i>
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21. Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Print First Name *Neil* Initial *N*

Print Last Name *Necastro Jr.*

Address on file with the Board of Election
460 N Heights Ave

City/Village/Township <i>Lowellville</i>	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code <i>44436</i>	County <i>Mohoning</i>	Date of Signing <i>9-18-15</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, Jeremy Eubank, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 25 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.

Jeremy Eubank
863 Palmer
(Signed)

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

Youngstown O
City, Village or Township

OH 441503
State Zip Code

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