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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST CANADIAN DRUG IMPORTATIONS USED BY THE FDA & DRUG COMPANIES IS SUSPECT QUALITY. NOT TRUE, MOST OFTEN THE EXACT DRUG DISTRIBUTED TO EUROPE, CANADA AND THE U.S. IS MANUFACTURED IN THE SAME FACTORY USING THE SAME FORMULATION, EQUIPMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES.

A SMALL TIME EXPENDED ON RESEARCH WOULD PROVE THIS TO BE CORRECT.

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CONGRESS PASSES THE NEW DRUG BENEFIT LAW.

- NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 2006
- VERY LIMITED COVERAGE
- CONTROVERSIAL
- COMPLICATED

MOST OPINIONS ARE "MORE WORK IS NEEDED" SEE ARTICLE IN AARP BULLETIN MARCH 2004, PAGE 14, "WHERE DO WE GO NEXT".

IS OUR CONGRESS SO INDEBTED TO DRUG COMPANIES THAT THEY CANNOT RESOLVE THIS NATIONAL PROBLEM IN A SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER WHICH WOULD BENEFIT ALL CITIZEN,

PLEASE SEE FOLLOWING PAGE 2.

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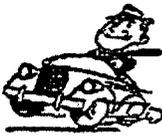
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I Am Trying to enlist
The Aid of Some Large Organization

like AARP, VA to Back Such
A Plan - or at least someone who
would explain why it wouldn't work.
Maybe some publicity would help!!
Do our Congress people have a mind set
Against something so simple

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THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FILLS 25 MILLION PRESCRIPTIONS A MONTH FOR MILLIONS OF VETERANS. THE NEGOTIATED COSTS OF EACH R_x IS 50% - 90% LESS THAN CANADIAN &/OR U.S. COSTS TO BUYERS.

EXAMPLES:

	VA	CANADA	U.S.
MEVACOR 40 mg— HIGH CHOLESTEROL	0.26	3.10	4.00
PLAVIX 40mg— HEART ATTACK / STROKE	2.01	2.64	3.63
ZANTAC 150mg— STOMACH DISORDER	0.02	1.00	1.83

SEE ARTICLE IN U.S.A. TODAY DATED JUNE 23, 2003 FOR ADDITIONAL INFO & EXAMPLES.

SUGGESTION; EXPAND THE VA SYSTEM TO FILL THE ENTIRE U.S. R_x NEEDS. ALLOW THE VA A HANDLING PRICE INCREASE OF ABOUT 15% TO COVER THEIR INCREASED COSTS. THE VA WOULD BECOME THE WHOLESALER SUPPLYING R_x TO ALL PRESENT RETAIL R_x OUTLETS. EVEN WITH THE 15% WHOLESALE ADD ON AND PRESENT RETAIL PROFIT THE CUSTOMER PRICING WILL BE MUCH LESS THAN CURRENT U.S. OR CANADIAN PRICES. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SHOULD THEN BECOME MORE AFFORDABLE TO A MUCH HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF THE NEEDY.

THIS WOULD ELIMINATE THE RECENTLY PASSED, CONTROVERSIAL BILL THAT ONLY HELPS A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE, ELIMINATES THE CANADIAN PURCHASE CONTROVERSY. BUT OF GREATER IMPORTANCE IT WOULD SAVE INNUMERABLE LIVES OF THOSE WHO CANNOT NOW AFFORD THEIR MEDICATION.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PLAN?

PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM SOMEONE/ ANYONE RECEIVING THIS LETTER WHO CAN EXPLAIN TO ME WHY THIS WON'T WORK.
IF YOU CAN NOT EXPLAIN WHY IT WON'T WORK, THEN YOU SHOULD GET BEHIND A PLAN TO MAKE IT WORK.

SINCERELY,

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