**Show Your Support for Legislation**

 **To Help Patients Pay Less**

As we wait for hearings to be scheduled and the legislative process to pick up steam, now is the time to urge lawmakers to support SB1397/HB0619, the Copay Accumulator Adjustment Program Ban bill. As you know, providing encouragement and sharing the patient voice with legislators will help them remember the importance of this bill for thousands of Tennesseans who need help to afford their medications.

**Make your voices heard and urge lawmakers to support SB1397/HB0619, the**

 **Copay Accumulator Adjustment Program Ban bill.**

**Here’s how you can help:**

* **Communicate with members of the House and Senate Commerce and Insurance Committee.**
	+ Contact information for relevant members below.
* **Post on social media urging lawmakers to support** **SB1397/HB0619.**

**Draft Email to Lawmakers**

**Subject:** Help Patients Pay Less: Support SB1397/HB0619

Dear Sen./Rep. [NAME],

The importance and necessity of helping patients afford their medications has become even clearer during these uncertain and challenging times.

I write to encourage your support of SB1397/HB0619, the Copay Accumulator Adjustment Program Ban bill. This bill would require all payments made by patients – directly or on their behalf – be counted toward their overall out-of-pocket maximum payment or deductible. This would ensure that patients will continue to get the support they need to afford their medications, and when patients can stick to their treatments, that means a healthier Tennessee for the future.

I want to thank you for all of the good work you do on behalf of Tennesseans across our state and urge you to please prioritize the Copay Accumulator Adjustment Program Ban bill.

Sincerely,

(Name)

**Sample Social Media Posts for Twitter or Facebook**

* We urge you, [LEGISLATOR HANDLE], to help patients to afford their medicines with copay assistance. Now is the time to pass the Copay Accumulator Adjustment Program Ban bill. #TNpolitics #AAP
* Access to affordable medication has never been more important. We urge [LEGISLATOR HANDLE] to continue prioritizing Tennesseans by helping to pass SB1397/HB0619. #TNpolitics
* The misuse of copay assistance has forced patients to pay more out-of-pocket for their medicines. It’s time to pass the Copay Accumulator Adjustment Program Ban bill. #TNpolitics #AAP
* New policies have blocked cost-sharing assistance such as copay coupons from counting toward deductibles and maximum out-of-pocket limits. Now is the time to protect Tennessee patients and pass the #AAPbill. #TNpolitics
* Keep treatment cost savings with patients. Legislation like the #AAPbill works to count third-party cost-sharing assistance, including copay coupons, so they can better afford their medicines. #TNpolitics

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