

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER RECENT SKYROCKETING PRICES OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND URGING OUR UNITED STATES SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ALONG WITH OUR STATE LEGISLATORS AND OUR GOVERNOR TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO REDUCE THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

(Sponsored by Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas)

WHEREAS, there have been dramatic price increases in prescription drug medications in the last eight months; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, the cost of prescription drug medications has increased by up to fifty percent from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the elderly and fixed income families cannot afford to pay these increases along with the dramatic increases in food and fuel costs over the last year; and

WHEREAS, drug manufacturers are continuing to increase prescription drug prices and it is out of control; and

WHEREAS, residents are frustrated, worried and angry about these increases with many having to choose between buying food or prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, the federal government should stand up to pharmaceutical companies and force them by legislation and/or negotiation to stop the increases and reduce their prices; and

WHEREAS, other countries pay a lot less than United States citizens pay for the same medications which are, in many cases, manufactured by American companies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL hereby resolves to express its displeasure and frustration over these higher costs of prescription medications and hereby resolves to ask United States Representative Richard Neal, United States Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey to stand up to the pharmaceutical companies and draft legislation to reduce prescription medicine prices; and the Agawam City Council further resolves to ask Governor Charles Baker, State Senator John Velis and State Representative Nicholas Boldyga to do whatever they can to support this Resolution and bring down the skyrocketing cost of prescription medications.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, City Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen Buoniconti, City Solicitor