

## ***Physicians Against Drug Shortages (PADS)***

### **MEMO TO: PRESIDENT TRUMP, CONGRESS, CONCERNED CITIZENS**

On Feb. 2, 92 Members of Congress kicked the can down the road—-again—- on drug shortages, sending yet another useless letter to the FDA demanding action.

For the real story behind the chronic artificial shortages & skyrocketing prices of IV bags and hundreds of other lifesaving drugs, visit [www.physiciansagainstdrugshortages.com](http://www.physiciansagainstdrugshortages.com). Clue: It's **NOT** Hurricane Maria.

Congress knows exactly what caused this travesty: the anticompetitive contracting/pricing practices, self-dealing, conflicts of interest, kickbacks and rebates of GPOs and PBMs. They sell “sole-source” contracts [market share] to the highest bidder—-giants like Baxter Healthcare—-thereby excluding potential competitors. Congress also knows how to fix it: Repealing the unsafe Medicare anti-kickback “safe harbor,” which exempted GPOs & PBMs from **criminal penalties** for taking kickbacks and rebates from suppliers. These predators rigged and decimated this market, undermining patient care.

So why hasn't Congress acted? Ans: Campaign \$\$\$

**TELL CONGRESS TO STOP THE GPO/PBM “PAY-TO-PLAY” KICKBACK SCHEME! SAVE COUNTLESS LIVES + ESTIMATED \$200 BB IN ANNUAL SUPPLY COSTS! CANCEL THEIR “GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD” NOW!**

## **GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD**

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Anti-Kickback “Safe Harbor” Provision*

THIS CARD MAY BE USED TO OBTAIN UNLIMITED KICKBACKS, REBATES, PREBATES, PAYOLA, GOLF JUNKETS, AND OTHER PERKS [& “SHARE-BACKS” FOR HOSPITAL CEOS] FROM DRUG AND DEVICE MAKERS AND OTHER HEALTHCARE SUPPLIERS. **NO QUESTIONS ASKED!**

