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Dear Chairman Cassidy,

The Organization for Latino Health Advocacy (OLHA) is a national nonprofit committed to empowering Latino communities across the United States to achieve optimal health and well-being. On behalf of OLHA, I want to thank you and the Committee for its attention to the necessary federal reform of the 340B Drug Pricing Program. The hearing scheduled for October 23 will help to shed light on the growth of the 340B program and its problematic impact on patients.

The 340B program was intended to serve America's most vulnerable patients – including the Latino community. The program needs to be reformed to ensure that true safety-net providers, such as Community Health Centers, can continue to help low-income and other vulnerable patients access more affordable medicines and health care services. For many Latino families, these community health centers are the first and only access to care. We want to see the 340B drug pricing program continue its mission and ensure that those discount savings stay in the communities that need it.

Our concern is that 340B dollars are being diverted from patients by large entities, who are misusing the savings. Chairman Cassidy's [report](#) and the recent Congressional Budget Office [report](#) both outline the ways in which the program has rapidly expanded for some entities without delivering lower costs and increased care for the patients that need it. At the same time, true safety-net providers are experiencing a loss of mission-critical resources due to the instability of the program.

Congress has an opportunity to realign the program so that it serves our most vulnerable communities as intended. We are encouraged your committee is examining this issue closely and hope it marks progress towards advancing meaningful reforms to restore the 340B program to its original mission.

We look forward to Thursday's hearing and appreciate your unwavering attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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