



April 15, 2020

The Honorable Tom Cotton  
US Senator, Arkansas  
326 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
US Senator, Texas  
127 A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn  
US Senator, Tennessee  
357 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

cc: Congressman Mike Gallagher, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Congresswoman Liz Cheney

Dear Senators Cotton, Cruz and Blackburn:

I am writing on behalf of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens and our 2.1 million members to offer our organization’s support for S. 3537, the *Protecting Our Pharmaceutical Supply Chain from China Act of 2020* and its House companion, H.R. 6482.

As you have so rightly acknowledged, most of the active ingredients for pharmaceutical products used for drugs in the United States are manufactured in China. One of the most serious issues the coronavirus pandemic has highlighted is the United States’ dependence on a hostile communist regime for pharmaceutical production. This dependence makes America especially vulnerable to the threats the Chinese government made to ban medical product exports at a time when they are needed the most.

S. 3537 signals a change that is long overdue. In concert with President Trump’s mission for transparency in healthcare, your bill requires Health and Human Services to maintain a list of the country of origin of all drugs marketed in the United States. It wisely bans the use of federal funds for the purchase of drugs made in China, instead compelling federal health care programs to purchase drugs made elsewhere. S. 3537 also reforms medication labeling by requiring drug companies list drug ingredients and their country of origin on the labels of imported and domestically produced finished products. Moreover, it prudently provides incentives for manufacturers to produce drugs in the United States.

Our dependence on Chinese pharmaceuticals is of great concern to the AMAC membership at-large. In fact, when we polled our members on the specifics of S. 3537, the response was overwhelming. Of the 41,340 respondents, 38,520 either strongly favored or favored the provisions in your bill.

Thank you for working to create legislation that prioritizes the health and safety of all Americans while reducing our nation’s dependence on Chinese drugs. As a member-driven organization, AMAC is pleased to lend our association’s full support for the *Protecting Our Pharmaceutical Supply Chain from China Act of 2020*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Carlstrom  
President, AMAC Action