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Representatives Antonio, LaTourette

A RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States, the 1
United States Food and Drug Administration, and 2
the National Institutes of Health to address the 3
cost and availability of cancer drugs. 4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that about 5
1,685,210 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in 2016 and 6
approximately 595,690 Americans are expected to die from cancer 7
in 2016 (approximately 1,630 people per day); and 8

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health estimates that 9
the overall cost of cancer in 2013 for direct medical costs was 10
nearly \$125 billion and direct medical costs are expected to 11
reach at least \$158 billion by 2020; and 12

WHEREAS, Each year, approximately 650,000 cancer patients 13
receive chemotherapy in outpatient oncology clinics in the 14
United States, with many receiving drugs combined together in 15
groups of two to four for combination chemotherapy; and 16

WHEREAS, Global spending on cancer drugs has increased from 17
\$37 billion a decade ago to \$91 billion in 2013; and 18

WHEREAS, Many insurance plans place cancer medications into 19
payment tiers that require the biggest out-of-pocket costs by 20

patients, often 20% to 40% of the cost of the medications; and 21

WHEREAS, It is estimated that one in eight people with 22
advanced cancer turn down recommended care because of the cost; 23
now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 25
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of the State of 26
Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States, the United States 27
Food and Drug Administration, and the National Institutes of 28
Health to address the cost and availability of cancer drugs; and 29
be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 31
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 32
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 33
the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States 34
Senate, the Commissioner of the United States Food and Drug 35
Administration, and the Director of the National Institutes of 36
Health. 37