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Elected Officials and Advocates join Action NC and Protect Our Care to Demand Passage of House Bill to Lower Rx Drug Costs



Charlotte, NC— Today, Commissioner Pat Cotham and Senator Joyce Waddell joined health care advocacy groups Action NC and Protect Our Care to talk about the Democrats' newly-introduced bill, the Lower Drug Prices Now Act (H.R. 3), and its benefits for North Carolinians struggling under the weight of increasingly high prescription drug costs.

H.R. 3 brings down the cost of prescription drugs by giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower prices, and reins in big drug companies that have kept costs high. Independent analysts have confirmed that the bill will reduce prescription costs for patients by up to 55% and saves taxpayers \$500 billion. These savings will be used for a historic expansion of Medicare benefits so it covers hearing, vision, and dental care for the first time.

"My daughter Emma has a surgically implanted feeding tube. It costs \$100 a day for her formula -- \$3,000 a month. It is the only thing she is able to eat and process. I'm here to

support the passage of H.R. 3 for my daughter.” said **Stacy Staggs**, a health care advocate with Little Lobbyists.

“We all know people who have died because they weren’t able to afford their medication. H.R. 3 will change that,” said **Mecklenburg County Commissioner Pat Cotham**. “Thanks to Speaker Pelosi’s bill, we have a shot to make prescription drugs more affordable for North Carolinians.”

“President Trump and Republicans are standing with big pharma over the people,” said **Senator Joyce Waddell**. “House Democrats are delivering for North Carolinians with H.R. 3, which will make prescription drugs more affordable and expand Medicare benefits for our seniors.”

You can view the event on Facebook live [here](#) and [here](#).