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The Honorable Fred Upton  
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**RE: Urge Hearing on the Rising Cost of the EpiPen**

Dear Chairman Upton, Ranking Member Pallone, Chairman Murphy and Ranking Member DeGette:

Over the last few years pharmaceutical corporations often have drastically increased the prices of lifesaving drugs without a basis for doing so. One of the most dramatic examples of price gouging recently is Mylan's EpiPen, which so many of my neighbors depend on to keep them and their children safe during an allergic reaction. It is our duty to ensure all Americans have access to affordable treatments and the cost increases should be examined by the Energy and Commerce Committee. Therefore, I respectfully request that you schedule a hearing on the inexplicable rising costs of the EpiPen as soon as possible so we can examine the reasons Mylan increased the price of this critical treatment. We must work to ensure this and other lifesaving treatments are never out of reach for our constituents.

As you are aware, the EpiPen auto-injection device is used to deliver the adrenaline epinephrine, a lifesaving emergency treatment for anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. For insect stings, food and other allergens, this handheld device dispenses a drug that reverses swelling, airway obstruction and other symptoms.

According to a recent *New York Times* story, when Mylan purchased EpiPen in 2007, the price for two was around \$100. Now the price to consumers is over \$600. This is unconscionable and appears to be a prime example of unseemly profiteering. We must bring transparency and accountability to the issue by holding a hearing in our committee and working to ensure that all Americans have access to this lifesaving treatment at an affordable cost.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



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