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**Organizations Representing Seniors, Women, Persons with Disabilities & Retirees
Oppose Republican/Pharmaceutical Industry Medicare Prescription Drug Bill**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) applauded organizations representing seniors, women, persons with disabilities and retirees for publicly opposing the [Republican/pharmaceutical industry prescription drug bill](#) .

The Republican bill will give drug companies more than \$130 billion and seniors a plan that will undermine the future of Medicare, do little to reduce the price of drugs, and cost millions of senior more than they pay now for prescriptions.

Below are statements from some of the organizations opposed to the bill:

- [Families USA](#)
- [Alliance for Retired Americans](#)
- [Joint statement from AFSCME; National Education Association; American Federation of Teachers; Service Employees International Union; International Association of Fire Fighters](#)
- [AFL - CIO](#)
- [National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare](#)
- [UAW](#)
- [Transport Workers Union of America](#)
- [Medicare Rights Center](#)
- [Center for Medicare Advocacy](#)
- [American Federation of Teachers](#)