Canada’s Drug Supply is Under Threat

Facing growing health care costs, many state governments in the United States have passed or are considering legislation to allow for importation of cheaper Canadian medications.

Vermont, Colorado, Florida and Maine—with a combined population of 28 million—have all authorized imports. At least 16 other U.S. states are considering such laws.

Why This Matters

Canada already faces at least 2,000 drug shortages in key therapeutic areas, including cancer, diabetes, and epilepsy.

The U.S. population, and demand for medicines, is 10 times that of Canada.

Drug shortages may drive Canadians to access medicines through illegal online sources that distribute counterfeit, unapproved or substandard meds.

If only 10% of all U.S. prescriptions were filled from Canada, Canada’s supply of medicines would run out in only 224 days.

To protect Canada's supply of medicines and Canadian patients’ access, the federal government must take action now to prevent U.S. importation plans.

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