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Stand opposed, Sen. Heller

Dear Sen. Heller:

The Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association formed in 1953, is a professional association dedicated to the cooperation and understanding of all law enforcement agencies in the State of Nevada. It has come to our attention that the Senate is considering S.469, a bill which would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the importation of foreign drugs into the United States without going through the FDA approval process.

We along with other law enforcement associations strongly oppose this legislation. It is our belief this bill will dramatically increase the flow on illicit prescription drugs into the United States.

Passage of this bill would open the door to increased amounts of counterfeit prescription drugs many of which could contain fentanyl resulting in an increase in overdoses and death. We further believe this would add to the continuing opioid epidemic facing our nation.

We strongly urge you to oppose this proposed legislation.

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Same old, same old

I am deeply concerned about this latest "Trumpcare" bill being proposed in the Senate.

I have been reading about the Cassidy-Graham bill, and what I'm reading is telling me we're getting the same-old, same-old Republican "healthcare solution(?)" The bill cuts funding to state block grants and gives the states the right to allow the insurance companies to deny coverage for pre-existing conditions.

The exact impacts of Cassidy-Graham are only conjecture on my part because information about its specific contents won't be backed up by public debate or the normal congressional committee process.

All this leads me to believe that we are being handed the same self-serving Republican ideas for healthcare we've seen in the last year. Many people have already expressed loudly and clearly that they DID NOT WANT these ideas made law because the end result only serves to provide tax breaks for the rich while making less funding available to provide basic healthcare for those lucky enough to be able to enroll for government-subsidized insurance.

Right now, Sen. Heller not only endorses this bill but is a co-sponsor. Rumor has it he is caving from pressure to tow the Republican line or risk losing funding for re-election. Where is his courage to do the right thing?

I hope this bill dies the same death as earlier Trumpcare bills. We can assure this happens by contacting our senators to let them know we want healthcare bills that support and expand our existing healthcare.