

August 11, 2022

RE: Vote “YES” on Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

Dear Representative:

The American Civil Liberties Union strongly urges you to vote “YES” on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. If passed by the House, the bill will go to the president for his signature. The ACLU will score this vote.



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The ACLU greatly appreciates the leadership of Senator Joe Manchin in crafting and sponsoring the IRA, and the work of many members of the House in pushing forward many of the ideas and provisions that are part of the bill. This historic legislation will have significant impact across the country, with particular focus on persons with disabilities and persons who will be helped by the legislation in overcoming both health care concerns and economic challenges. We urge you to vote “YES” on this carefully crafted bill.

The health care provisions in the bill are critically important. We highlight two provisions that both protect persons with disabilities and vulnerable communities, and help address systemic inequality in both health care and the broader economy.

An extension of the enhanced federal premium subsidy for health insurance through 2025 will reach 13 million insured Americans who currently benefit from the premium subsidy. Without this extension, millions of currently insured Americans would become uninsured.

Importantly, access to health care, facilitated by insurance coverage, enables individuals to participate in the economic, social, and civic life of the nation, advancing equal opportunity and personal liberty. For millions of Americans, including persons with disabilities, the continued availability of subsidized health insurance provides economic and health care security that facilitates employment at a time when the country cannot afford to shut anyone out of employment opportunities.

The bill also would not only lower prescription drug costs, but would also cap out-of-pocket costs for Medicare recipients at a level that, while still high, will—for the first time--put needed prescription drugs within financial reach for millions of Medicare recipients. In addition, monthly out-of-pocket costs

for insulin for Medicare recipients will be capped at \$35, and adult vaccines will be free for Medicaid and Medicare recipients. The benefit of these changes will be especially significant for low-income people, racial and ethnic minorities, women, people with disabilities, and underserved communities that already face substantial obstacles to obtaining quality health care.

Again, we urge you to vote pass the Inflation Reduction Act, and send the legislation to the president for his signature. Thank you for your attention to this issue, and please reach out with any questions to Chris Anders at canders@aclu.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Anders". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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