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## **Congressman John B. Larson Redoubles Efforts for Medicare Prescription-Drug Reform**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Continuing his campaign to provide the elderly and disabled meaningful relief from excessively high prescription medicine costs, Congressman John Larson this month stepped up pressure on the Republican House majority to consider legislation requiring Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices.

Seeking to overcome Republican resistance, Larson recently signed a discharge petition seeking to force the House to vote on H.R. 376, authorizing Medicare to negotiate with American drug companies for reduced prices on life-saving medication. Larson has also reintroduced a bill he raised in the 108th Congress for the federal government to use its extensive bargaining power to contract lower prices for Medicare