# PROTECT **OUR CARE**

## MEMORANDUM

- TO: **Interested Parties**
- FR: **Protect Our Care**
- RE: #1 Item in Build Back Better is Prescription Drug Prices
- DT: September 30, 2021

Congress continues to debate whether to give Medicare the power to negotiate lower prescription drug prices or keep the monopoly in place where drug companies dictate the prices for patients.

While Congress debates and Big Pharma tries to threaten political retribution, the American people have already spoken.

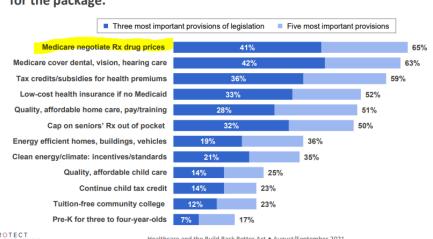
According to polls conducted by four of the top pollsters in the Democratic Party, the #1 element of President Biden's Build Back Better budget is giving Medicare the power to negotiate prescription drug prices.

See for yourself.

# 1. NEW. ALG Polling's John Anzalone recently conducted a survey across 48 battleground congressional districts for Build Back Together. From the memo:

"Allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prices was the most popular of the 16 components of the Build Back Better plan tested. Over two-thirds of battleground district voters (71%) say this component makes them more likely to support the reconciliation plan. It is especially popular with seniors, but also the most popular component among both Independents and those voters who are persuadable on the reconciliation plan."

### 2. Geoff Garin of Hart Research recently completed a national survey for Protect Our Care which found Medicare negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs was the most important element in driving support for the Build Back Better package (65%). From the report: RESEARCH



The healthcare provisions are the most important elements in driving support for the package.

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3. Global Strategy Group and GBAO recently completed a regular survey for Navigator Research that found Medicare negotiating to bring down the cost of prescription drugs was the most popular element with 86% support. From their <u>report</u>:

### All Parts of the Plan Are Popular, Especially Medicare **Negotiation and Expanding Medicare** Among persuadable Americans\* who support new economic legislation but disapprove of Biden's handling of the economy, reducing prescription drug costs and expanding Medicare coverage are the most popular proposals. For each policy proposal, please indicate whether you support or oppose it being included in new legislation. % Strongly suppor Strongly Sor Total Eco ort Dem Ind Rep Persua 5 69 49 50 63 suppo support On 27 6 8 Reduce the cost of prescription drugs by giving Medicare the power to negotiate with pharma 59 86 63 Expand Medicare to include dental, vision, and he overage 58 27 5 10 85 73 53 43 62 Require corporations that are currently paying zero in taxes to pay a minimum tax of 15% on their profits 53 **25** 8 **14** 77 69 47 37 55 8 14 77 68 42 31 use funding to crack down on tax evasion by large corporations and the wealthiest Americans 50 28 47 23 7 as on those earning over \$1 million per year from selling stocks and bonds, known as capital gains 47 23 71 66 40 28 40 Expand access to long-term care for millions of families that currently can't afford it 47 30 8 15 77 64 48 27 43 7 Raise taxes on people with incomes in the top 2% 46 22 72 67 38 26 40 25 Raise wages for home care workers who help with elderly, injured, and disabled patients 46 6 15 79 61 42 29 42 33 27 8 Invest in clean energy infrastructure, like solar panels and wind turbines 20 72 65 39 23 36 ns for families that buy coverage on their own by an average of \$50/month 43 8 14 78 60 42 23 38 health insurance pre 35 26 11 21 68 60 35 25 37 Raise taxes only on people with incomes in the top 2% and no one else 22 66 60 41 20 31 25 22 12 Require corporations to pay a minimum tax of 15% on their profits 41 8 Provide two years of tuition-free community college 41 29 63 60 38 21 38 29 60 58 33 19 29 Increase the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28% 39 21 11 26 64 49 30 23 33 Expand the Child Tax Credit - a tax cut for most families with children - and make it permanent 28 10 \*\*Economically persuadable Americans" are those who disapprove of Biden's handling of the economy, but support new economic legislation on separate questions. Nationwide survey of 1,002 registered voters conducted August 26-August 30, 2021. For more into, with availantersarch.org. navigator.