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## State Senator Fabian Doñate, Assemblyman Edgar Flores Call for Congress to Lower Costs and Improve Health Care for Nevadans

State Senator Fabian Doñate, Assemblyman Edgar Flores, Health Care Advocates Join Protect Our Care on the Nationwide "Lower Costs, Better Care" Bus Tour to Demonstrate the Urgent Need to Lower the Cost of Prescription Drugs for Nevada Families



Las Vegas, NV - This morning, Protect Our Care's "Care Force One" arrived in Las Vegas to demonstrate the need for lowering Nevadan's health costs, expanding coverage, and reducing racial disparities in care. Headlined by State Senator Fabian Doñate and Assemblyman Edgar Flores, the event highlighted how Democrats are leading the charge to advance American health care and held Republicans accountable for continuing to reject measures to improve care and lower costs for Nevadans.

## Read Protect Our Care's new report: Lower Costs, Better Care for Nevadans here.

Throughout the nationwide <u>"Lower Cost, Better Care"</u> bus tour, Protect Our Care is fighting to ensure critical health care measures supported by President Biden remain in upcoming budget reconciliation legislation. These priorities include giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices for all Americans, getting more Americans covered by closing the Medicaid gap, expanding Medicare benefits to include hearing, dental, and vision, and further reducing health care premiums for millions of Americans who purchase coverage on their own.

## You Can Watch the Event Here.

**Assemblyman Edgar Flores,** "This tour is giving Americans from all walks of life the opportunity to speak out about the pressing need to lower health care costs and improve care. Nevadans have the right to know whether their elected officials stand by President Biden's agenda to improve health care for millions or if they side with Big Pharma and other special interests. When Congress returns this fall, we have a once in a generation opportunity to transform health care for the American people, including lowering prescription drug prices, closing the Medicaid coverage gap, and further reducing health costs for people purchasing coverage on their own. Care Force One is crisscrossing the country this summer making the case for getting this critical job done."

**State Senator Fabian Doñate,** "There are too many Nevadans suffering because of the disparities and injustices in the health care system. I'm proud to stand with Protect Our Care, Representatives Steven Horsford, Susie Lee and Dina Titus to send a message that Congress must act on lowering the costs of health care and in particular the cost of prescription drugs. I will continue to advocate on behalf of Nevadans who are struggling to decide whether they purchase their medicine or whether they put their lives at risk."

**Laura Packard**, "When I was fighting stage 4 cancer, I had to forego medication that would boost my immune system because the price tag was simply too high. I wound up in the hospital, and nearly died. Sadly, stories like these are all too common in our country. Patients should be able to focus on getting well, not struggling to pay for medications. That's why we need Congress to act now to lower the cost of prescription drugs, including allowing Medicare to negotiate prices on behalf of all Americans."

**Demi Falcon,** "Congresswoman Titus has been a leader in the fight to lower Nevadans drug and premium costs, expand coverage, strengthen benefits for seniors and reduce racial disparities in care. We have an incredible opportunity to improve health care for the American people, and Congresswoman Titus and her Democratic colleagues are working tirelessly to ensure measures to lower costs and expand care become law this fall."

**Divya Narala**, "Congressman Horsford has been a steadfast champion for Nevada families when it comes to healthcare issues. He has spoken out in favor of lowering health care costs and lowering prescription drug prices. Congressman Horsford will continue to work with his colleagues in Congress to improve access and cost to quality health care."

## The Protect Our Care "Lower Costs, Better Care" Bus Tour has made stops in:

Bangor, Maine on Monday, August 9, 2021

Portland, Maine on Monday, August 9, 2021 Burlington, Vermont on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Concord, New Hampshire on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on Thursday, August 12, 2021 Teaneck, New Jersey on Friday, August 13, 2021 New York, New York on Friday, August 13, 2021 New Brunswick, New Jersey on Monday, August 16, 2021 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on Monday, August 16, 2021 Burlington County, New Jersey on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 Wilmington, Delaware on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 Dover, Delaware on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 Morgantown, West Virginia on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Youngstown, Ohio on Thursday, August 19, 2021 Columbus, Ohio on Thursday, August 19, 2021 Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Friday, August 20, 2021 Madison, Wisconsin on Friday, August 20, 2021 Parkersburg, West Virginia on Monday, August 23, 2021 Charleston, West Virginia on Monday, August 23, 2021 Raleigh, North Carolina on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Charlotte, North Carolina on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Atlanta, Georgia on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 Savannah, Georgia on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 Orlando, Florida on Thursday, August 26, 2021 Tampa, Florida on Thursday, August 26, 2021 Denver, Colorado on Monday, August 30, 2021 Flagstaff, Arizona on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 Phoenix, Arizona on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 Tucson, Arizona on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 San Diego, California on Thursday, September 2, 2021 Anaheim, California on Thursday, September 2, 2021 Las Vegas, Nevada on Friday, September 3, 2021