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Costly. Deceptive. Unworkable.

COSTLY

- Ohio doctors, nurses, pharmacists and hospitals oppose the ballot issue because it could actually increase costs for the 7 million Ohioans—nearly two-thirds of our population—who are left out, including those with private insurance and those who rely on Medicare or otherwise do not obtain medications through state programs.
- Military veterans could also pay more for prescription drugs.
- Three Ohio Medicaid directors who served in both Democratic and Republican administrations and a state budget director warn the ballot issue could reduce patient access to medications.
- An unprecedented provision gives ballot sponsors a blank check by allowing them to intervene in any legal challenges and requires taxpayers to pay their attorney fees, win or lose.

DECEPTIVE

- An Ohio budget director says the claim that the ballot issue would save \$400 million annually is “simply false” and based on an assumption that Ohio does not already receive substantial prescription discounts. In fact, Ohio’s Medicaid program receives federally mandated *and* voluntarily negotiated discounts that bring its costs down to levels similar to those of the VA.
- Ohio Medicaid directors warn the ballot issue could invalidate existing drug discount agreements—potentially increasing the state’s prescription costs by tens of millions of dollars annually.

UNWORKABLE

- Health care experts say requiring Ohio to purchase drugs at the lowest price paid by the VA would be impossible to implement because, by law, the VA does not disclose this price.
- The ballot issue contains no language guiding implementation—and was proposed by a controversial California health care CEO without consulting any Ohio officials tasked with implementation—which will lead to bureaucratic in-fighting, delays, lawsuits and higher costs for taxpayers.

Stand up for Ohio. Join doctors, nurses, veterans, business and labor:

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