



TOGETHER Rx ACCESS™ PROGRAM ONE MILLION MILESTONE

Legislators' Statements of Support

The Together Rx Access Card has helped make prescription medicines more affordable for one million Americans. These companies are to be applauded for stepping forward to help us give better access to prescription drugs to more people.

– Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services

Helping more Americans access prescription and generic drugs will help us build a healthier nation. I commend the Together Rx Access Card and the companies involved for helping one million Americans, including 200,000 children, fulfill their prescription drug needs.

– Rear Admiral Kenneth P. Moritsugu, M.D., M.P.H., Acting Surgeon General

As someone for whom ensuring access to quality, affordable healthcare is a top priority, I applaud the companies that have come together to offer the Together Rx Access Card. This free program has now helped over one million individuals and families who lack prescription drug coverage and aren't eligible for Medicare get substantial savings on brand-name prescription products. These companies have taken the needs of the uninsured and underinsured to heart and are offering them meaningful savings on essential medicines.

– Senator Thomas K. Duane (NY- 29)

I applaud the member companies for their efforts to help over one million cardholders save on their prescription medicines. Millions of uninsured Americans are unable to afford the drugs they need. The Together Rx Card is helping some of our most vulnerable individuals and families better afford the prescription drugs they need, helping them live healthier lives. As we grapple with expanding access to healthcare and prescription drug coverage, we welcome initiatives from the private sector to help. Congratulations on a job well done.

– Senator Tom Harkin, IA

The Together Rx Access Card is a terrific example of American companies recognizing a serious need within their communities and acting to meet that need with compassion. This Card has provided instant and meaningful relief from prescription drug costs for over a million Americans. I've been working hard to find ways to improve access to healthcare for uninsured Americans, so it is sure gratifying to see our pharmaceutical companies helping to meet that need head on, of their own initiative. I congratulate the companies participating in the Together Rx Access Program.

– Senator Orrin G. Hatch, UT

The Together Rx Access Card has given a million uninsured Americans the much-needed savings they deserve on prescription drugs. I commend the coalition and its member companies – Abbott Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, King Pharmaceuticals, Johnson & Johnson, Novartis, Pfizer, sanofi-aventis Group, Takeda Pharmaceuticals and TAP Pharmaceuticals – for this significant milestone in their effort to relieve the plight of millions of the nation's uninsured.

– Senator Ted Kennedy, MA

As the greatest industrialized nation in the world, it is an atrocity that 47 million Americans live without basic healthcare. I am proud to work with companies that sponsor the Together Rx Access Card, an easy and efficient way for over one million families to receive immediate savings on potentially life-saving prescription drugs. Together with our partners in the healthcare industry, we in state government will continue to fight for our working families so that all New Yorkers can live healthy and productive lives.

– Senator Jeff Klein, NY

The Together Rx Access Card is a great example of corporate citizenship by companies in New Jersey and across the country. Through the Program, one million uninsured individuals and families have benefited from significant savings on necessary and life-saving medicines. This public-private partnership is helping us to provide affordable, quality healthcare and make headway in addressing the crisis of the uninsured.

– Senator Frank Lautenberg, NJ

People in New York and across the country without prescription drug coverage will benefit greatly from the Together Rx Access Card. While Congress must address the broader issue of providing health coverage for the uninsured, Together Rx Access is a beneficial program that has immediately lessened the financial burden on over one million Americans struggling to pay for medicines.

– Representative Eliot Engel, NY

Having a program for those without prescription drug coverage is essential. With over 15 percent of New Jersey residents uninsured, I applaud Together Rx Access and commend the member companies for coming together to provide access to prescription drugs for the growing number of the nation's uninsured who need them and for having already enrolled over one million cardholders.

– Representative Mike Ferguson, NJ

Together Rx Access has been a godsend to hundreds of folks in and around my House district. It has saved them hundreds of dollars and made prescription drugs available at little or no cost. Thanks for providing this service for us in Aiken, SC.

– Representative Robert S. "Skipper" Perry (SC-81)

Congratulations Together Rx Access on reaching one million cardholders! The Program is a wonderful help to many hardworking constituents in my district and across Tennessee. The Card has helped many people without health insurance in my community save on the prescription medications they need to keep themselves and their families healthier. Your organization is top notch. I hope to continue getting your expertise and assistance in reaching out to Tennesseans across the state.

– Representative Johnny Shaw (TN-80)

One of my top legislative priorities is ensuring that all Philadelphians have access to quality, affordable and safe healthcare. The Together Rx Access Card is an important step forward towards providing uninsured residents with affordable access to prescription medications. I commend Together Rx Access and its member companies for being on the front line in helping to serve the needs of the uninsured population in our community and across the country.

– Representative W. Curtis Thomas (PA-181)

In order to begin building a 21st Century Intelligent Health System that saves lives and saves money, it is imperative that we give people tools to better manage their health. By helping individuals without prescription coverage access the medications they need, Together Rx Access is promoting a model of good self-management that is essential to improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs.

– Former United States House Speaker Newt Gingrich

I applaud Together Rx Access and its member companies on enrolling one million people – including more than 250,000 Texans – in the free prescription savings card program. This important milestone is the first of many stepping stones that will help millions gain access to prescription medicines they need to maintain healthy lives.

– Governor Rick Perry, TX

All of us want to be healthy, but as anyone who does not have health insurance can tell you; the road to good health is not easy. Thanks to the Together Rx Access Program and the member companies who are participating, one million cardholders are being helped to save money on their prescription medicines. Now my constituents can take care of what's important, their health!

– Assemblyman Ivan Lafayette, Deputy Speaker (NY-34)