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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Tigerlily Foundation Statement: Thank You, Governor Spanberger, for Vetoing the PDAB/MFN Bill**

Stone Ridge, VA – Tigerlily Foundation, a national organization dedicated to supporting young women before, during, and after cancer, today issued a formal statement of gratitude to Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger for vetoing the Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) legislation (HB 483/SB 271), which later included Most Favored Nation (MFN) pricing provisions.

Maimah Karmo, President & CEO of Tigerlily Foundation and a breast cancer survivor, released the following statement:

“When you have faced cancer, you learn that affordability is not just a price tag—it is access to the right treatment, on time, with your trusted doctor. Governor Spanberger listened to patients, not politics. By vetoing this bill, she protected Virginians from a dangerous experiment that would have created new barriers to care without delivering a single dollar of savings at the pharmacy counter.

As I wrote in the Richmond Times-Dispatch earlier this year, PDABs risk forcing ‘medical switching’—where patients stable on life-saving therapy could be told their clinic can no longer afford to provide that treatment. When the bill shifted to include MFN policies, the threat grew worse. Reimbursement caps can force community cancer clinics to stop offering certain drugs, and insurers often respond with stricter prior authorizations, step therapy, and non-medical switches.

No patient should have to switch from a treatment that is working to an unknown alternative out of fear. No family should face longer drives, delayed care, or disrupted continuity because of a bureaucratic price cap.

We thank Governor Spanberger for her careful, patient-centered approach—including her earlier amendments to slow the riskiest elements of the bill—and for her ultimate decision to veto legislation that would have funded bureaucracy over care. She has shown that Virginia will pursue affordability solutions that do not come at the cost of patients’ lives.

We urge other states considering similar PDAB legislation to learn from Virginia: abstract price caps do not save patients money. They cost them access.”

Background:

The PDAB bill would have granted a state board the power to impose upper payment limits on certain medicines. Data from other states shows zero documented savings for patients at the pharmacy counter, while putting small and independent cancer clinics at financial risk. New Hampshire and Ohio have already abandoned similar boards.

Tigerlily Foundation remains committed to advocating for real affordability solutions: lowering out-of-pocket costs, increasing transparency across the drug supply chain, reforming PBM practices, and protecting safety-net programs.

Read more:

[Maimah Karmo’s *Richmond Times-Dispatch* op-ed \(January 31, 2026\)](#)

About Tigerlily Foundation: Tigerlily Foundation is a national women’s health and cancer foundation providing education, awareness, advocacy, and support to young women before, during, and after cancer. The foundation is based in Stone Ridge, Virginia. Learn more at <https://tigerlilyfoundation.org/>