



# NATIONAL GRANGE

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Dear Members of Congress and Congressional Candidates,

Rural Americans need your help.

For nearly 160 years, the National Grange has advocated for rural America. Today, access to healthcare is among the most important issues facing rural communities, and the continued loss of rural hospitals and rural healthcare services demands our attention.

One federal program important to rural healthcare is the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which provides critical savings to rural hospitals and other safety-net providers serving uninsured and low-income Americans. The National Grange supports 340B and believes it must remain strong, but supporting an important program does not mean ignoring concerns about how it is working.

In two analyses commissioned by the National Grange, we found growing use of Medicare reclassification policies, also known as dual classification, that allow large, well-funded urban hospitals to access rural hospital benefits. The number increased from 168 hospitals in 2018 to 593 in 2023. Meanwhile, annual 340B drug spending grew from \$6.6 billion in 2010 to \$43.9 billion in 2021 and more than \$100 billion in 2025. Yet rural America continues to lose hospitals and healthcare services.

These numbers lead to the question we must all consider: As 340B continues to grow, is the program serving the patients and communities it was intended to serve?

The National Grange is calling for reforms that protect legitimate rural hospitals and other safety-net providers, address hospital reclassification loopholes, and provide greater transparency and accountability for how 340B benefits are used and by whom. This isn't about weakening 340B. Our goal is to strengthen it.

If elected, we ask you to help protect this important program while advancing reforms that ensure it continues to serve vulnerable patients and communities – especially in rural America, where access to healthcare is already too often limited.

Rural hospitals are more than healthcare facilities. They are places where babies are born, emergencies are treated and chronic diseases are managed. They are employers, economic anchors and community lifelines. When we lose a rural hospital, we lose much more than healthcare. We lose another piece of that community.

I hope we can count on your leadership in reforming 340B and strengthening rural healthcare.

Sincerely,

Christine E. Hamp, President