



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 71

February 24, 2004 - Introduced by Representatives POCAN, BOYLE, CULLEN and TRAVIS.

- 1     **Relating to:** opposing the policy of the U.S. food and drug administration and the  
2           president of the United States of not allowing individuals and pharmacies in  
3           the United States to import and re-import prescription medications purchased  
4           in other countries that have regulatory safeguards for the manufacture and  
5           distribution of drugs comparable to regulatory safeguards in the United States.  
6           Whereas, Americans pay drug prices that are 30 to 300 percent more to fill their  
7           prescriptions than in European and other industrialized nations; and  
8           Whereas, the United States is the world's largest market for pharmaceuticals  
9           yet American consumers pay the world's highest prices; and  
10          Whereas, according to the congressional budget office, American seniors alone  
11          will spend \$1.8 trillion on pharmaceuticals over the next 10 years; and  
12          Whereas, allowing open pharmaceutical markets from abroad could lower  
13          prices at least 35 percent and save American consumers at least \$635 billion of their  
14          own money each year; and

