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CAHP Statement on PhRMA SB 17 Litigation

Sacramento, CA – As part of its usual obstructionist playbook, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) today filed a lawsuit challenging California’s recently-passed drug pricing transparency law, SB 17.

CAHP President and CEO Charles Bacchi offered the following statement in response to the announcement:

“We haven’t seen the details of the legal action yet, but we aren’t surprised that they would try and overturn this bipartisan law. From day one they have been unable to acknowledge their outsized role in driving health care costs skyward and continue to pretend they are above the law. By passing SB 17, California’s Legislature sent a crystal-clear message that it is time for a change. This action proves pharma doesn’t care what California’s voters and elected representatives think.”

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