



Memorandum in Support

April 28, 2026

**To: Members of the Hudson Valley Delegation of the New York State Legislature
From: Michael N. Romita, President & CEO, Westchester County Association
Re: S.1913 (Rivera) – Advanced to Third Reading /A.6222 (Paulin) – Referred to Health**

An act to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the 340B Prescription Drug Anti-Discrimination Act

The Westchester County Association (“WCA”) is the leading independent voice of Westchester’s business community, advancing policies that promote smart growth, economic vitality, and a high quality of life across the region. Our membership includes hundreds of the region’s foremost organizations collectively employing hundreds of thousands of workers. The WCA has particular aptitude advancing the needs of the Hudson Valley’s healthcare and life-sciences sector.

WCA writes in support of legislation establishing the 340B Prescription Drug Anti-Discrimination Act.

Safety-net hospitals, community health centers and other providers across New York rely on 340B programs to sustain essential services and expand access to care. Restrictions imposed by pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers and other middlemen are limiting providers ability to access these resources, creating financial strain and disrupting patient access to affordable medications.

This legislation would ensure that eligible providers can fully participate in the 340B program by prohibiting discriminatory practices that restrict access to discounted drugs, including limitations on contract pharmacy arrangements. Preserving these resources is essential to maintaining care delivery, particularly in underserved communities where access challenges are most acute.

For Westchester and the broader region, this issue is both a healthcare and economic priority. Hospitals and healthcare systems are among the region’s largest employers and are essential to workforce stability and regional competitiveness. Protecting access to 340B resources helps sustain jobs, support community-based care, and reduce pressure on the broader healthcare system.



At a time of rising costs and increased demand for services, ensuring the integrity of the 340B program is critical to maintaining access to care without additional burden on patients or taxpayers.

For these reasons, the Westchester County Association respectfully supports passage of S.1913 (Rivera)/A.6222 (Paulin)