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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
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Dear Chairman Chaffetz:

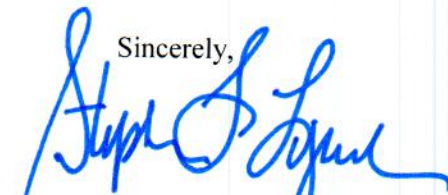
I am writing to respectfully request that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform convene a hearing on the dramatic increase in the price of the EpiPen auto-injector, manufactured by the drug maker Mylan. The EpiPen is used to administer the drug epinephrine, which treats life-threatening allergic reactions.

Recent reports in the press indicate that Mylan, which enjoys a virtual monopoly on epinephrine auto-injectors, has increased the retail price for a two-pack of the EpiPen from less than \$100 in 2007 to \$608.61. The price has climbed more than 550% since Mylan acquired the rights to sell the product in 2007, earning the company \$1 billion per year in sales and accounting for approximately 40% of its operating profits. And Mylan, through savvy marketing and the assistance of favorable government actions, has seen annual prescriptions of the EpiPen more than double in the last decade to 3.6 million. I do not begrudge a company its successes and profit, but such should not be earned by regularly increasing the cost of a life saving device on which so many Americans rely.

While Mylan announced recently that they will introduce a generic form of the EpiPen and CEO Heather Bresch has publicly committed to helping patients cope with the increased cost of the EpiPen by increasing the amount of money on their co-pay assistance card and expanding program eligibility, the company has not committed to lowering the price. Bresch has instead pointed to deficiencies in the healthcare system generally and specifically to "insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other middlemen" as reasons for the exorbitant cost. Yet Mylan retains nearly 50% percent, \$274, of the \$608.61 cost of each two-pack of the EpiPen. A hearing will afford the Committee the opportunity to conduct oversight of these and other issues affecting cost of and access to critical components of our healthcare system.

We are obligated to our constituents, many of whom rely on this critical device, to hold a hearing and question Mylan as to their justification for the steady and burdensome cost increase of the EpiPen. I look forward to working with you on this important concern.

Sincerely,



STEPHEN F. LYNCH
Member of Congress

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