

The Committee Members,  
Senate Select committee on the USFTA.

I implore ALL members of the committee to reject any and all proposals for a FTA with the United States of America which impacts on our PBS.  
As an age pensioner I depend on the availability of affordable or subsidised medical benefits, totally for my continued existence and my life.

The attempt by PhRMA and other lobby groups who's only concern is their share holders, to force our PBAC to accept their arguments for increased pricing and ignore or reject any attempt by generic manufacturers to have their products listed or listing delayed, because it impacts on their revenue and shareholders returns, is indefensible.

It is the PBAC's responsibility to make those decisions without pressure from outside interests. To delay any approval process which has passed the PBAC's inspection by allowing drug companies to pressure and delay the approval and listing of any benefits for Australian citizens is totally unacceptable.

It is our governments prime responsibility to protect those in the community who are in no position to protect them selves, when it involves health. To abrogate that responsibility in favour of big business, is deplorable. It is abrogating our sovereignty and sovereign rights to determine what is or is not of benefit for it's citizens.

I beg you, please do not allow this agreement to be implemented.

yours sincerely

Keith Styles