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Comments:

I am a past hospital pharmacy manager in the province of Ontario. Already having to deal with numerous drug shortages on an almost-daily basis, I do not support nor condone the importation of medicines destined for the Canadian market into the US. We represent only 4% of the global drug supply, and it is disingenuous to think that we could support the US drug market, who represents 22% of the global supply. I have enough shortages to deal with that I don't want exacerbated by the potential redirection of Canadian drugs to the US market.

I would support exportation of Canadian drugs to help with shortages in the US when there is a reasonable supply in the Canadian market. I do not support exportation as a means for the US to access "cheaper" medications.

I would strongly recommend that rather than look to Canadian drugs to fix your drug price problems, you create your own policies and regulations as we have here in Canada. That is a much more sustainable solution.