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Inflation Reduction Act Threatens Cancer Care

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Over 160,000 Texans will be diagnosed with cancer this year. To help them survive, access to community-based care is critical.

Community oncology makes that possible for patients across Texas, offering cutting-edge treatments while helping them remain close to their family and support networks.

Unfortunately, the Inflation Reduction Act threatens to upend access to cancer care. As written, the law slashes payments that local practices rely on to acquire and administer complex cancer therapies.

These cuts – which could total tens of billions over the next decade – would make it harder for community oncology practices to keep their doors open. If forced to close or sell, Texans would lose convenient care options and costs would rise. Rural communities would be hardest hit.

That's why I'm grateful to Representative Nathaniel Moran for co-sponsoring H.R. 4299, which would protect local cancer care. This bill isn't just commonsense; it makes fiscal sense. H.R. 4299 would save patients \$93.3 billion in lower premiums and cost-sharing and save the government \$71.3 billion.

Rep. Moran recognizes that lower drug costs and access to community-based cancer care are not mutually exclusive goals. Texas patients deserve both.