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Mr. Martin Shkreli
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Mr. Shkreli,

I'm writing to express my shock and revulsion at your decision to hike by more than 5,000 percent the price of the drug Daraprim, which has been used safely, effectively and affordably for more than six decades to treat parasitic infections in people with compromised immune systems.

Your greed in raising the single-pill price from less than \$15 to more than \$750 is unconscionable. It immediately puts at risk scores of medically vulnerable people, including those living with HIV, and women who are pregnant. Medical organizations have estimated that this predatory move could increase the average cost per year for an adult patient reliant on the drug to more than \$630,000.

You have publicly shrugged off the concerns and alarm raised by medical professionals and ethicists, which suggests that only action by the government will stem this type of unscrupulous drug pricing. We will pursue every avenue to ensure you are held to account.

Your action is an appallingly egregious example of deep, damaging problems in our nation's drug pricing system--a problem we will continue to urge our nation's elected officials to tackle with vigor and care. Instead of taking advantage of our system to turn a profit, I call on you to restore fair pricing for Daraprim.

Price gouging that risks people's health just to make a buck is indefensible. Taking advantage of vulnerable people, not just those living with HIV, but those with other chronic, potentially life-threatening conditions, is antithetical to the purpose of our healthcare system. I call on you to immediately roll back the price for the sake of the thousands of people who benefit from Daraprim, and whose health--and lives--hang in the balance.

Sincerely,

Chad Griffin
President, Human Rights Campaign