

Since 2000, the number of large PBMs has declined and the concentration among the “Big Three” PBMs has increased. The merger of Express Scripts and Medco reduces the options for large plans from three to two. This new mega PBM will control over 40 percent of the national prescription drug volume.

Mr. Speaker, given the possible concentration of market share by the mega PBM, I urge my fellow colleagues to demand transparency and accountability in this industry.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD TYLER-TIGERMAN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Richard Tyler-Tigerman, who recently passed away at the age of 89. Richard was a remarkable man, beloved by all who had the great fortune to know him. Our nation is a more cultured place for his lifetime of efforts.

Richard became best known in my hometown of Carmel, California, as the Director of the Sunset Cultural Center. In that role he helped develop the Sunset Center—at one time the elementary school that I attended as a boy—into a world renowned performing arts center. And while he was expanding the national and international cultural impact of the Sunset Center, he never lost sight of his neighbors and made sure that he and the Sunset Center were still a local community resource. Richard was a true cultural icon in Carmel, always welcoming, convivial, and engaging.

Richard Tyler-Tigerman was born September 28, 1922, in Chicago, the ninth son of Hungarian immigrants. Apart from a two year stay in New York, where Richard participated in a WPA-sponsored children’s theatre project, Richard grew up in Chicago. His mother Minna, a classically trained singer herself, encouraged him and he got his break on stage playing Robin Hood in a high school production. He later studied theater at the University of Chicago until World War II started. He enlisted in the United States Army which eventually took him to the Philippines where he worked with different entertainment groups that came to lift troop morale. After the war, Richard studied theatre in Florida and Chicago on the G.I. Bill. Then, at Northwestern University, he taught and turned professional. For the rest of his life he remained a professional performance man: music, theater, recitals, opera, musical comedy, and eventually directing and producing. He directed the Chicago premiere of Leonard Bernstein’s opera “Trouble in Tahiti” to wonderful reviews.

He came to Carmel in 1975 to take on the directorship of the Sunset Center, a post he held until his retirement in 1990. He helped revive the Center, which had been struggling ever since the city of Carmel had converted the old school into a performing arts and cultural center. Richard saw his signal accomplishments there as presenting a performance pattern of dance companies, stimulating and interesting professional theater, opera, and

people of note, a film series chosen by the audience, and a series of varied and interesting entertainers. He continued beyond retirement to advise local officials who sought his insights about the unique artistic heritage of that city. He served on numerous civic boards and committees, including the Monterey Film Commission, Arts Habitat, and the State Theatre Preservation Group.

His partner of thirty-eight years is Constantine “Dino” Cocalis, with whom he shared a home and traveled extensively, particularly to the Greek isles. Richard had one son, Craig Ellis Tigerman, of Rock Island, IL. Grandchildren include Christopher Lee Gibrich of Grand Prairie, TX, Bethany Judith Kump of Rock Island, Chelli Marie Esser of Apple Valley, MN, Justin Thomas Wilson Tigerman of Chicago and Rock Island, and a step-grandchild, Richard Michael Albertson of Carbondale and Moline, IL. Great-grandchildren include Andrew James Doyle and Owen Benjamin Kump of Rock Island, and Sophia Marylyn Esser of Apple Valley. Two more great-grandchildren are on the way later this year.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in extending our condolences to his loved ones and friends for their loss, and in honoring Richard’s contribution to our lives. The world is a better place because of Richard Tyler-Tigerman’s presence.

INTEREST RATE REDUCTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4628: the Interest Rate Reduction Act.

Congress has a unique opportunity to prevent the scheduled doubling of student loan interest rates before July. Our failure to act will have debilitating effects on millions of Americans. Rather than serve as an obstacle to students wishing to further their education, Congress should work to make college accessible to all. Yet Congress is standing in the way by considering legislation that would pay for the extension of the interest rate reduction by repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which funds essential health services for millions of Americans, including women and children. There is another sensible and responsible way to pay for keeping student loan rates low: end tax subsidies for big oil companies.

Young, educated Americans begin their adult lives financially strapped. Not only do these recent graduates have debt, they also have some of the greatest difficulty finding gainful employment. Recent college graduates have a higher unemployment rate than any other demographic group in the country. Sixty-six percent of students graduating from college today are leaving with student loan debt. On average, those students graduate with \$25,000 in debt. The total amount of student loan debt in this country is more than \$1 trillion dollars.

If we do not pass a measure that extends the reduced interest rate on student loans, more than 7 million students’ rates will double to 6.8 percent. Students who borrow the maximum in subsidized student loans will pay up to an additional \$1,000 in interest costs. It is our responsibility to give these students a chance to earn a quality education without the strings of unmanageable debt.

There is little profit to be had from trying to prevent diseases from occurring in the first place, which means pharmaceutical companies and others who profit from efforts to treat and cure diseases will not pay for such efforts. If we want to prevent cancer, the spread of HIV, outbreaks of West Nile Virus, and protect mothers and babies from tobacco; if we want to promote better nutrition, birth defect reduction, preparedness for bioterrorism, and breast and cervical cancer screenings; if we want to protect our children from lead in our homes and yards, the childhood obesity epidemic, and otherwise invisible clusters of chronic diseases like Multiple Sclerosis, we have to fund these programs ourselves. The Prevention and Public Health Fund must be protected as a measure of self-protection.

This bill repeals the Prevention and Public Health Fund. I cannot support this bill.

DR. JAMES L. DOTI

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2012

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and contributions of a visionary in higher education, Dr. James L. Doti, on the start of his third decade as President of Chapman University.

Dr. Doti has devoted his academic career to Chapman University and has transformed it from a small local college to a prominent nationally ranked university.

Under his leadership, Chapman University has attracted exceptional faculty and students, including international and national award winners, noted scholars, best-selling authors, highly respected researchers and world-renowned performers.

Dr. Doti is an accomplished and active scholar, having published numerous articles, co-authoring two textbooks and serving as co-editor of a collection of readings in private enterprise.

Among his many accolades, Dr. Doti has received the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and has been inducted into the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

In addition, Dr. Doti has played a critical role in establishing the School of Law and the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman, both of which have achieved national distinction in their fields.

I congratulate President Doti on his exemplary service to higher education and wish him continued success.