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The Honorable Eric Schneiderman
Office of the Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341

Dear Attorney General Schneiderman,

On behalf of the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) more than 1.5 million members and supporters nationwide, I write regarding the recent price increase of the drug Daraprim (pyrimethamine) by Turing Pharmaceuticals. As you may be aware, following Turing Pharmaceuticals' purchase of the drug, the price for pyrimethamine skyrocketed from \$13.50 per pill to an unconscionable \$750. Daraprim is a lifesaving treatment for toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection impacting patients with compromised immune systems including those who are pregnant or living with HIV. 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. The burden of this extra cost will undoubtedly be shouldered by the most vulnerable members of our community.

This price increase is wholly unjustified and unprecedented. We urge your office to conduct a thorough investigation of Turing Pharmaceuticals' irresponsible and shameless price increase and assess whether these dubious actions violate New York state law. We also urge you to take all steps within your power to hold Turing Pharmaceuticals accountable and communicate to all companies doing business in New York that making such drastic changes on the backs of those most vulnerable is not welcome in the Empire State.

We appreciate the opportunity to share these concerns and your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Chad Griffin
President