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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
1233 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Leader Reid, Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi,

I write today to add my voice to the growing condemnation of the rapacious corporate behavior of Mylan, the maker of EpiPens.

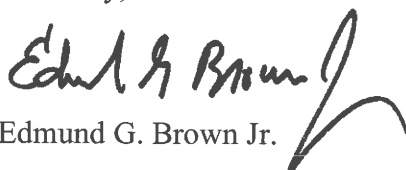
We all acknowledge the fact that EpiPens are life-saving for a person suffering a severe allergic reaction. But Mylan's arbitrary manner of pricing and their utter lack of transparency put those in need of the drug at a terrible disadvantage.

I applaud the bipartisan oversight hearing set for next week focused on Mylan. It is difficult to imagine how they can justify the 500 percent increase in the price of EpiPens, the 600 percent increase in executive pay and the tax move of their corporate offices to the Netherlands, as recently reported in numerous publications.

As important as this hearing is, hearings alone will not transform this powerful company and the industry of which it is a part. What is needed is swift and strong Congressional action because states have no jurisdiction to curb these wanton price increases.

I implore you to take quick and decisive steps to rein in this kind of predatory pricing, which inflates the costs of health care and too often prevents patients from getting the medications they need.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.