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### ABOUT US

*[The American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational and research institute. Our mission is to promote economic welfare by improving the understanding and impact that public policies and regulations have on consumers in a free market.*

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## EVENTS:



### **Drug Pricing Policy Prescriptions for 2020**

On September 25, 2019, the American Consumer Institute held a policy briefing called “Pricing Policy Prescriptions for 2020: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.” You can watch the event [here](#).

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## BLOGS:



### **Free College and False Conclusions**

A recent survey shows public support for free public universities and cancelling all student debt at 58 percent. Presidential candidates like Senators Sanders and Warren have come out supporting similar free college proposals, gaining the support of millennials. While the idea of free higher education sounds nice, in reality, the rich would reap the lion’s share of

benefits at the expense of education quality. You can read this piece at [Townhall](#).



### ***California's Occupational Licensing Laws Cost Consumers and Businesses Billions***

*California is one of the most regulated states when it comes to occupational licensing. It is estimated that more than 20% of Californian workers need to acquire a license before they can even step into the workplace. Rather than protecting the public, these laws drive up costs for both businesses and consumers—while punishing the poor. State legislators need to drown out the noise of lobbyists and let Californians work. You can read this piece at the [ACI website](#).*



### **Targeting E-cigarette Flavors is Blaming the Wrong Suspect**

Over the last half-decade, vaping has helped reduce tobacco harm more than any other intervention. The FDA's sweeping, knee-jerk policy change ignores the evidence and threatens to put lives at risk. Reducing the

availability of flavored e-cigarettes will impose high costs on smokers while doing little to reduce vaping among teens. You can read this piece at [InsideSources](#).

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## **COALITIONS:**



### **Coalition Letter Urges Not to Give Venezuela a Pass on its Debts.**

Fourteen nonprofit organizations sent a letter to President Trump urging him not to pursue an Executive Order to forgive Venezuela for its debts to private citizens and companies. You can read the coalition letter [here](#).



### **Coalition Calls for Increased Generic Drug Competition**

While the Lower Health Care Costs Act is intended to increase competition and patient access to lower cost medicines, section 205 of the bill needs to address FDA concerns about the “parking” of generic applications. We believe generic manufacturers need to launch new medications into the

market as soon as possible after approval. However, as written, Section 205 may undercut the goal of the 180-day exclusivity period. Any delays would result in fewer generic competitors coming to market, which will forestall lower competitive prices for patients. Congress needs to address this deficiency in the legislation. You can read the coalition letter [here](#).

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