

Sharon Anglin Treat Biography

Sharon Anglin Treat is the Executive Director of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices, a nonpartisan organization of state legislators working jointly across state lines to reduce prescription drug prices and expand access. Prior to joining the Association, Ms. Treat served 14 years in the Maine Legislature, including two as Senate Majority Leader. Ms. Treat has an A.B. degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (1978) and received her law degree with honors from Georgetown University Law Center (1982).

Ms. Treat has significant health policy experience not only in her current position, which involves health policy analysis and communication on pharmaceutical issues, but also as a former legislator and an attorney and teacher of environmental policy and law, where her particular expertise involved toxics and environmental health. She has presented on pharmaceutical policy at conferences sponsored by organizations as diverse as public sector pension fund managers, the National Conference of State Legislators, and the National Community Pharmacists Association, and has testified on pharmaceutical and health issues in numerous state legislatures including California, Colorado, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and Connecticut. She is a member of the American Public Health Association, where she was a panelist in a forum addressing organizational responses to access to pharmaceuticals at the annual meeting in December.

With the support of the Forum on Democracy and Trade, Ms. Treat has also convened and staffed the Legislative Working Group on Prescription Drugs and Trade, comprised of state legislators, Medicaid experts, and representatives of state attorneys general. This group focuses on educating state policymakers on trade policy that affects state pharmaceutical policy, and works with policymakers to engage with the U.S. Trade Representative on these issues.

While serving in the Maine Legislature, Ms. Treat chaired the Health and Human Services, Judiciary, and Natural Resources Committees, and sponsored significant health care legislation including Maine Rx Plus; Dirigo Health, Maine's uninsured health access law; PBM regulation; and drug marketing disclosure. Ms. Treat has practiced law with a nonprofit organization, in state government and in private practice, has taught environmental law at the University of Maine Law School and Colby and Bowdoin Colleges, and was the Coordinator of the Environmental Studies Program at Colby College from 2000-04.