

## **POLITICO Pro Morning Health Care**

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**VESTAGER'S FANS:** European Commissioner for Competition Margrethe Vestager won praise Thursday from a coalition of cancer associations, known as the Association of European Cancer League Task Force on Equal Access to Cancer Medicines, and the Danish Cancer Society. In an open letter to Vestager, they praised her work on ensuring there are the right incentives to drive medicines development and the right competition rules to provide access to generics, biosimilars and other medicines.

The pricing problem: "Equally, competition policies should not be used as a barrier to open and transparent discussion on the broader theme of patient access and pricing policies," they said, adding that her call to the pharmaceutical industry, "to step up to their responsibility in complying with EU competition rules is momentous, at a time where all stakeholders need to seek solutions together." The letter was co-signed by Eveline Scheres, chair of the task force, Sakari Karjalainen, president of the leagues, and Dorthe Crüger, chair of the Danish Cancer Society.