

Dear Chair Greenlick and Committee Members:

I urge you to support HB 2123. I have owned an independent pharmacy (Malheur Drug, Vale,OR) for many years and have never seen such abuses from the PBMS (Pharmacy Benefit Managers) that we are seeing now. I never thought I would see the day when we would be forced to sell prescriptions below net invoice cost. This bill would help stop these abuses and create transparency for the PBMS.

We are in rural eastern Oregon and service patients in the poorest county in the state. We are the only pharmacy in our area (next closest is 16 miles) and have many people depending on us for their daily medications--many are elderly or poor and can't drive.

If the PBMS are not reigned in soon, we will all pay more for healthcare and many small pharmacies like ours will not survive. Kentucky just passed landmark legislation prohibiting PBMS from reimbursing pharmacies below their cost. HB2123 is the first step in that direction. Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

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