

Testimony submitted via email.

Representative Post,

I'm writing to thank you for introducing this bill to delist Sudafed as a Schedule III drug. I, like so many others, have had to spend hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars to obtain a doctor's prescription for Sudafed. I have used it for some 40 years to control seasonal allergies. I completely understand the reasoning behind the original listing. Our neighborhood has been and currently is dealing with meth houses. We've had one next door for three years. Since the original listing, when I travel to other states, I usually go to a pharmacy to buy a few tablets to stretch out the time between mandatory visits to the doctor's office to get a new prescription. Each visit is in excess of \$100. I've had conversations with pharmacists in California, Nevada, and Arizona about this and those states all use a similar system which involves getting the Sudafed from the pharmacist, not off of a shelf, showing ID, and having the purchase registered in a statewide data base. That prevents anyone from going to another pharmacy to buy more than the state regulated maximum purchase in one day. It seems to me, and apparently you, too, that the time has come for Oregon to update this law. I believe that in the rush to get something done about meth labs, the original law was crafted and passed hastily without consideration for those of us who use the drug legally. These other methods are proven effective and I see no reason why Oregon should not adopt them and stop wasting doctors' time and patients' money.

Thank you again and keep up the fight.

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