

My name is Tracy Krebs. I am a life long resident of Oregon. I graduated from Oregon State University and immediately began a job with a chemical company. I travel a fair amount in my job. My company has a very strict drug policy. I am subject to random drug testing at any time. Our policy states any controlled substance that requires a prescription is subject to the policy; if you use a prescription substance without a prescription and test positive, you're subject to immediate termination.

This is frustrating for a number of reasons. In addition to an unforgiving drug policy, my company offers high deductible insurance, which means a doctor visit costs me \$150. This is assuming I can get in to be seen in a reasonable time, and I can leave work.

My son recently graduated, but for 15 years I was a single mother. My job was his lifeline. That job provided the means to raise him and care for him. As a single mother, you're often leaving work for emergencies that no one else can help you out with, because there isn't anyone else. I saved my occurrences for my son and his needs. My needs were secondary. A bad cold where I can't breathe? I'm not seeing a doctor for that. I'm going to suffer, because I can't miss work.

I was traveling by car to visit a customer in California one year with a terribly congested sinus. I stopped in Eureka to find a remedy. A kind pharmacist showed me to the counter and sold me sudafed. He looked at my driver license and made the required notations. I left, took 2 pills and felt some relief!

Two days later I returned to Oregon and realized I was in violation of my company drug policy. Sudafed required a prescription. If they called me for a test I would test positive for amphetamine. I had completely spaced it out. Completely! I had performed a legal act in California. I didn't think I was putting my job at risk. I don't know if anyone that is reading this ever worried for their job, worried about being able to care for a child on their own, but those were terrifying days.

Please consider changing this law. It inadvertently punishes good citizens, and that isn't right.

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