

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

My name is Anna, I am a college student and work here in Oregon. I am writing to ask you to pass HB 2648.

I suffer from serious allergy problems, made even worse by our state's high pollen levels. Without medicine, during, Spring, my allergies can be so bad that schoolwork and work is impossible. My head just hurts too much to focus. Allergy medicine is an absolute must for me.

Right now our state is the only one that doesn't allow me to buy allergy medicine with pseudoephedrine over-the-counter. Getting a doctor's prescription and going to pharmacies needlessly takes time out of my already busy schedule. Being a student and part-time worker, I don't have much disposable income, and paying a copay can be a heavy burden.

Please bring Oregon in line with the rest of the country and allow behind-the-pharmacy counter access to medicines with pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

Thank you,

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