

My name is Sarah Jorgenson, and I am part owner of an independent long term care pharmacy in Eugene. I am writing in support of House Bill 2462, which would require pharmacy benefit managers to amend contracts with community pharmacies to account for costs incurred from new taxes.

Independent pharmacies have been uniquely impacted by the corporate activity tax. Unlike other businesses, the price paid by the consumer is determined by a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) or other third-party insurance payer, and not by the pharmacy itself. All PBMs and third-party payers require that we charge the amount outlined in the contract (i.e., deductible, copayment, coinsurance), and explicitly prohibit additional amounts to be passed onto the consumer.

The financial viability for many community pharmacies is increasingly precarious and absorbing the corporate activity tax is simply not an option. As an independent long-term care pharmacy, not only does we provide medications, but it is a huge part in ensuring our community's health. We service a fragile population all across the state delivering directly to adult foster care, residential care facilities and group homes for developmentally disabled individuals.

This bill provides a mechanism to maintain the Student Success Fund, while simultaneously addressing the business needs of community pharmacies. I urge you to support HB 2462.