



Asthma and Allergy  
Foundation of America

The Honorable Deb Patterson  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care  
900 Court St. NE, S-215  
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) and the more than 50 million Americans with nasal allergies, I am writing to you in support of HB 2648. This bill would allow consumers in Oregon to purchase medicines containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) without a prescription.

AAFA is the leading patient organization advocating for people with asthma and allergies, and the oldest asthma and allergy patient group in the world. AAFA supports ensuring Americans have access to the medications and devices that they need without undue costs or burden.

Oregon is currently the only state that requires a prescription to purchase common cold and allergy medicines containing PSE. This requirement is a significant cost and inconvenience for families who are forced to take time from work to receive a prescription from the doctor.

The current prescription requirement makes it more expensive, in terms of time and money, for cold and allergy sufferers to get relief. Please end the prescription requirement and make health care more affordable.

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Executive Officer  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America