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Support for HB 4048 – Rural Pharmacist Tax Credit

Chair Nosse and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

On behalf of Hi-School Pharmacy, I am writing in *strong support* of HB 4048, which would extend the rural health care income tax credit to pharmacists practicing in rural communities.

Hi-School Pharmacy owns and operates community pharmacies across Oregon -- in Clatskanie, Scappoose, West Linn, Estacada, Molalla, Silverton, Sheridan, Independence, Corvallis, Lebanon, Waldport, Florence, Rogue River, Cave Junction and Sisters. From an ownership and operational perspective, recruiting and retaining pharmacists in rural communities has become increasingly difficult. Workforce shortages, professional isolation, and financial pressures make rural practice challenging, even as demand for pharmacy services continues to grow.

In many rural communities, the local pharmacy is the most accessible—and sometimes only—healthcare provider. Pharmacists provide essential services including immunizations, medication therapy management, chronic disease support, and preventive care. In recent years, some pharmacies have reduced operating hours or closed locations due to staffing constraints, which can place immediate strain on patients and neighboring pharmacies. When rural pharmacies are unable to maintain adequate staff, patients may be forced to travel long distances to access medications and basic healthcare services, creating significant barriers to care.

HB 4048 would place pharmacists on equal footing with other healthcare providers already eligible for the rural health care tax credit. This proven incentive would directly support recruitment and retention efforts, helping rural pharmacies remain viable to ensure continued access to care for rural Oregonians.

Supporting the rural pharmacy workforce is a fiscally responsible investment that helps prevent pharmacy closures, reduce avoidable emergency room visits, and sustain rural economies in Oregon.

Hi-School Pharmacy urges your support for HB 4048. This legislation would make a meaningful difference for rural pharmacists, rural pharmacy owners, and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,
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