

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, and Rayfield, Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I wanted to write to you about three critical bills that I'd love you to join in supporting. These bills will help to make prescription drugs more affordable for Oregonians:

- SB 844: Create a Prescription Drug Affordability Board to limit Pharma's price-gouging and curb skyrocketing costs
- SB 764: Prohibiting "Pay-for-Delay" tactics by pharmaceutical companies to keep less expensive generic drugs off the market; and
- SB 763: Holding Pharma sales reps accountable by requiring them to register with the state

Pharmaceutical companies have continued to raise prices on critical drugs despite a pandemic and economic crisis. This simply cannot continue. I was born and raised in Oregon and I've seen first-hand how prescription medication costs hurt working families. I remember waiting in line at the pharmacy as a kid with my dad, who has diabetes, watching in awe as he took out hundreds of dollars from his wallet on a regular basis - just to get the blood sugar medication he needs to survive.

I hope you'll make passing SB 844, SB 764, and SB 763 a TOP priority and ask your colleagues to join you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Heather Rockwell