

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 am writing you because, as a member of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, your vote to pass bills that will lower prescription drug costs is very important. I am concerned about PhRMA's efforts to deceive lawmakers about key bills that will make this possible and help people like me, my friends and neighbors in Oregon.

SB 844 will limit price-gouging on prescription drugs, making medications more affordable for the seniors and families who depend on them. Lowering prescription costs will INCREASE access to medications.

PhRMA knows this, but they would rather protect their profits than help make prescription drugs more affordable. They spend far more on marketing their products than researching and developing new medications.

I also ask that you support these key bills that will further help reduce the cost of prescription medications in Oregon:

- 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.

We can't wait any longer to lower prescription drug prices. This issue is a TOP priority for Oregonians across the state. I ask that you pass SB 844, SB 764, and SB 763 without delay.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Susan Watkins  
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