

Senate Health Committee members:

I understand that the original objective of the prescription requirement on Sudafed was to prevent criminals from producing meth. And while I applaud those efforts very much, the policy was a swing and a miss. Meth production in Oregon has been curbed by other means than requiring a prescription on Sudafed.

I am a retired guy enjoying living the life in Eugene. I grew up in Lane County, served in the Marines and moved home to raise my kids. My son has three kids of his own now. Growing up I remember my two younger brothers had allergies so bad it was diagnosed as Hay Fever. And Ma, she still lives in Springfield and will be 95 this July. She has always had the worst allergies of anyone. But that didn't stop her from keeping a backyard garden growing vegetables and enough flowers to fill a florist shop.

Ma doesn't drive any longer. If she needs a prescription that's one stop at her doctor's office and then another stop at the pharmacy and transportation arrangements to boot. If my 94 year old Mother needs allergy or cold medicine, she should be able to get it just like people in every other state do. She does not need unnecessary burdens due to a policy unique to Oregon.

HB 2648 keeps pseudoephedrine medications safely behind the pharmacy counter but will eliminate many of the steps that currently burdens Oregonians. Please pass HB 2648.

Thank you.

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From Eugene