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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB4149

I urge you to VOTE YES on HB4149. Many of you may be pressured by the PBM's that this will increase healthcare costs to individuals already on tight or limited incomes, but statistically this is not true or neutral. They are making BILLIONS IN REVENUE while reimbursing pharmacies well (sometimes \$50-\$100) below ingredient cost (this does not include reimbursement for the label, vial, electricity, software system, hardware, employees, and regulatory hurdles) just the cost of the product. We can NOT continue to practice in this unethical manner. Pharmacist's now are required to complete a doctorate program (8 years) and become drug experts and deserve a fair wage for this level of knowledge that can be life or death to a customer. We can not wait 2 to 3 years for you to realize the negative impact the PBM's have on the pharmacy industry, customer access, and healthcare costs. PLEASE VOTE YES to the "entire" Bill! Pharmacies have no power against these powerful mega-giants and rely on YOU to keep business practice ethically fair and balanced. This is just a start to fix the many problems directly related to PBM's and completely necessary. Thank you.