

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

- To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
- From: Charlie Swanson, Chair, Platform Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County
- Re: Support for HB 3212 PBM regulations and pharmacy protections

February 4, 2025

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the more than 100,000 Democrats in Lane County to urge you to better regulate pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and to protect independent pharmacies by recommending passage of HB 3212. We are very pleased to see bicameral bipartisan support for this important step in the right direction.

The most important part of this legislation is requiring that pharmacies be reimbursed a sufficient amount so as to decrease the likelihood of independent pharmacies going out of business. The fair-contracting provisions are also helpful to prevent predatory practices that stifle appropriate competition.

We strongly urge the Committee to move HB 3212 forward.