Rogue River Pharmacy has dropped so many unfair and unreasonable contracts this year that we have decreased in our prescription volume approximately 25% since January 1, 2025. If we had signed these contracts we would have continued to operate in the red in 2025. This has caused our patients to have to drive to other towns to purchase their medications.

As a dedicated pharmacist serving the people of Oregon, I am writing to express my strong support for <u>House Bill 3212</u>, which proposes essential reforms to the regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) in our state. I urge you to **vote "yes"** on this bill to promote fairness, transparency, and improved healthcare outcomes for our patients.

We must **act now** to bring transparency to PBM operations and ensure that **patients—not corporate profits—remain at the center of our healthcare system.** Oregon has the second-worst patient access to pharmacies in the country, trailing only Alaska. Community pharmacies are closing at an alarming rate—not because they are thriving, but because they are being driven out of business by the predatory practices of PBMs.

HB 3212 introduces several critical provisions including:

- **Ensuring Fair Reimbursement**: The bill mandates that PBMs provide equitable reimbursement rates to pharmacies, preventing practices that could jeopardize the financial viability of local pharmacies and, consequently, limit patient access to essential medications.
- Transparency in Drug Pricing: By requiring PBMs to disclose the sources used to determine maximum allowable costs and to update these lists regularly, the bill promotes transparency, allowing pharmacies to make informed decisions and better serve their patients.
- Prohibition of Unfair Practices: HB 3212 prohibits PBMs from reimbursing pharmacies
  differently and from mandating that beneficiaries fill prescriptions exclusively at network
  pharmacies. This ensures patient freedom to choose their pharmacy and supports the
  sustainability of various pharmacy models.

These reforms are vital for maintaining the integrity of Oregon's healthcare system. They ensure that pharmacies can continue to provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality care to our communities.

I respectfully request your support for HB 3212 and the other PBM bills this session (HB 2149, HB 2252, HB 3226, HB 3223). Your affirmative vote will contribute to a more transparent and equitable healthcare environment in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Garvin Hamilton, R.Ph.

President

Rogue River Pharmacy

Rogue River, Oregon