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On Behalf Of:

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On Education

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I am writing to formally object to the proposed 40% increase in pharmacy license fees. As a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT), I understand that fees for licensing and regulation are necessary to maintain standards and public safety. However, the proposed increase will place an undue financial burden on professionals like me, who are already paying substantial fees in order to maintain our certification and licensure.

As a pharmacy technician, my responsibilities involve critical patient care tasks, and while I contribute significantly to the healthcare system, the compensation for my role does not always reflect the level of responsibility. The proposed fee hike would further strain the already tight budgets of many pharmacy technicians, especially considering that these fees are often paid out of pocket or through personal resources, not covered by employers.

Given the current difficulties in recruiting and retaining top talent in the pharmacy sector, it is critical that we create an environment that supports professionals in their career development and well-being. A large increase in fees could discourage entry into the field and further worsen the workforce shortage, especially at a time when healthcare systems are already facing significant challenges.

Thank you for considering my objection. I hope that you will take the concerns of professionals like me into account when making your final decision.

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