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On Behalf Of:

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On Education

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To the Joint Subcommittee On Education

My name is Cyndi Vipperman, and I am a Certified Pharmacy Technician licensed in Oregon. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 40% fee increase for pharmacy professional licenses.

As a dedicated professional, I understand the importance of maintaining high standards and ensuring that our licensing processes are thorough and effective. However, the proposed fee increase presents significant challenges for many professionals, including myself and many other pharmacy technicians.

The increased fees would impose an undue financial burden particularly on those who are just starting their careers or those working in lower-paying positions. Many of us are already managing increasing debt and other financial obligations. An increase in licensing fees would exacerbate these financial pressures and could deter talented individuals from entering or remaining in our profession.

I urge the licensing authority to explore alternative solutions that do not place the financial burden on the licensees in the pharmacy profession. This could include seeking additional funding from state or federal sources, implementing cost-saving measures within the licensing process, or introducing a tiered fee structure based on income levels or by other means.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the proposed 40% fee increase be reconsidered. It is essential to find a balanced approach that ensures the integrity of our licensing system without placing an undue financial strain on the professionals who serve our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Vipperman

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