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On Behalf Of:

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On Education

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My name is Amber Coonce and I am a Certified Pharmacy Technician. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 40% fee increase for pharmacy professional licenses.

With the rising cost of living, wages are not being increased at the same rate, so increasing licensing costs cause a financial burden on technicians. Especially technicians who are just starting out their careers or those working lower-paying positions. I can only see this ending up with a technician shortage.

I ask that the licensing authority explore alternative funding sources that do not place that burden on the licensees. I respectfully request your reconsideration.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,
Amber Coonce
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