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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 Meghan Sable, 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.

I understand the necessity of maintaining high standards for our licensing processes and support making improvements to current processes. However, the proposed fee increase presents significant challenges for many current and prospective pharmacy technicians including myself and my fellow colleagues. The increased fees would impose an undue financial burden particularly on those just starting their careers or those working in lower-paying positions. Many of us are already managing increasing debt and other financial obligations resulting from the pressures of inflation and wage stagnation. An increase in licensing fees would exacerbate these financial pressures and could deter talented individuals from entering or remaining in our profession further straining a stretched technician workforce.

I urge the licensing authority to explore alternative solutions that do not place the financial burden on the licensees. This could include mandates for employers, 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 other means.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.