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Oregon Board of Pharmacy,

My name is Crystal, and I am a current Certified Pharmacy Technician, and I am writing to strongly oppose the increase to our license. I think the 40% increase in licensing will not be beneficial at all to our state, our staff or our medical fields. We have already had a shortage of pharmacists and technicians as it is and increasing the license price will cause us to not only lose the incoming personnel but the current ones as well. Most places do not pay for our license, and we pay out of pocket to keep our jobs and then we again pay out of our pocket to cover and complete the CE courses that are required by the states and board and also pay out of our pockets to maintain our Certification to not just be a pharmacy technician but a Certified technician that up until the last few years the board also had required .

Thinking that a 40% increase is possibly nothing to you but some of us, it could be detrimental to the health and welfare of pharmacists, technicians and their families. The economy and inflation in everything have already eaten away at finances for everyone and can be a cause an abundance of people to walk away from a short, staffed pharmacy field as it is. Also think about the staff that barely gets paid barely over minimum wage to provide care for communities with the increase they may not be able to afford to even be able to renew their license causing a ripple to affect a patient not getting the medications that they too could desperately need.

Thank you.