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Dear Chair Meek and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

The Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) hereby expresses its strong support for Senate Bill 707 (SB 707).

The BACC represents 620 active members and more than 6,000 businesses within the Beaverton area. As a representative of the local business community, the BACC seeks to advocate for critical access pharmacies by endorsing SB 707.

SB 707 seeks to expand the exemption from the corporate activity tax for receipts derived from the sale of prescription drugs, thereby including critical access pharmacies within this exemption. This legislative measure is crucial for enabling small pharmacies to continue operating effectively as businesses, balancing the provision of essential services with the ability to remain financially viable.

The BACC urges the passage of SB 707, believing that this bill represents a fair and equitable solution to a pressing issue for critical access pharmacies.

We respectfully request your support for the passage of SB 707.

Respectfully,

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