



**TO: Chair Patterson
Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care**

FR: Mia Noren, Legislative Director, Northwest Grocery Retail Association

RE: Vote YES on SB 533 - Protecting Patient Access to 340B Medications

March 6, 2025

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and members of the Senate Committee on Healthcare,

The Northwest Grocery Retail Association (NWGRA) is the leading voice for the grocery retail and supplier industry in the Pacific Northwest. Our 409 members in Oregon include both chain and independent retailers many of whom play a vital role in providing essential pharmacy services to communities across the state.

SB 533 ensures that grocery pharmacies can continue serving as contract pharmacies for 340B drugs, preserving access to affordable medications for patients who rely on them. The bill also imposes civil penalties on drug manufacturers that interfere with access to 340B drugs or require grocery pharmacies and healthcare providers to submit excessive utilization data as a condition for obtaining, delivering, or dispensing these drugs.

Grocery pharmacies play a crucial role in Oregon's healthcare system, providing convenient, community-based access to medications. Recent manufacturer restrictions have limited where 340B drugs can be filled, forcing patients to seek care at fewer, often less accessible locations. These restrictions disrupt patient care by limiting grocery pharmacies as key healthcare access points. SB 533 prevents these unfair restrictions and ensures grocery pharmacies can continue serving their communities.

We urge you to support this important measure to preserve patient access to medication.