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As a pharmacist for a rural Oregon pharmacy, I strongly support SB 707, which expands the exemption for prescription drug sales from the corporate activity tax (CAT) to include critical access pharmacies. Without this exemption, pharmacies are unfairly taxed on gross sales, even when they are reimbursed below cost for high-priced medications. This unsustainable model is driving pharmacies out of business—57 have already closed in Oregon since the last major legislative session.

If we continue down this path, more pharmacies will be forced to close, severely limiting patient access to essential medications and pharmacist expertise. Our pharmacy serves as a lifeline for many, providing home delivery, curbside services, and vaccinations for those who cannot travel. Without legislative action, patients—especially in rural and underserved areas—will lose access to the care they rely on.

SB 707 is critical to stopping the financial hemorrhage and ensuring pharmacies can remain viable. I urge lawmakers to pass this bill to protect pharmacies and, most importantly, the patients who depend on them.