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TO: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue  
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SUBJECT: SB707

I would like to lend my support for the passage of SB707. Ensuring the exemption from CAT for “critical access” pharmacies will aid our survival in this increasingly predatory healthcare environment. These pharmacies are often small, independent, pharmacies that lack the bargaining power, even collectively, to negotiate reasonable contracts with insurers or withstand the true cost inflaters, Pharmacy Benefit Managers. Pharmacies, especially those rural “critical access” ones, operate in a high cost-low margin environment; additional costs, like CAT, could easily be the final death knell to our ability to deliver the needed goods and services we are here for.

Thank you,

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