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On Behalf Of: Mac Prescription Shop
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB707

I am writing today to express my support for SB 707. I am a second generation Oregon pharmacist and pharmacy owner practicing in McMinnville, and have owned Mac Prescription Shop for over 25 years. To say that the financial viability of independent pharmacies has plummeted during that time would be a massive understatement. Every day we fight tooth and nail to stay afloat, while battling reimbursements below our cost on nearly every brand name medication dispensed, as well as many generics, due to unfair reimbursement by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). We are unable to adjust our pricing to account for these low reimbursement rates due to the contracts we must agree to in order to continue billing our patients' insurance. Being subject to Oregon's CAT would make this bleak situation even worse, likely forcing our pharmacy to close.

Mac Prescription Shop has played a vital role in providing important pharmacy services to our community for nearly 55 years. We ask you to extend the exemption of CAP being subject to the CAT so that we may continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Nicole Winnen, R. Ph.
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