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

DEAR CHAIR MEEK AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,

As a pharmacist serving Oregonians for 45 years, I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 707, which expands Oregon's Corporate Activities Tax exemption. The CAT tax disproportionately burdens pharmacies, jeopardizing patient access to essential medications and healthcare services.

Unlike most business, pharmacies cannot set their own prices. These are dictated by pharmacy benefit managers and other third party payers. Pharmacies must adhere to contractual reimbursement rates and cannot pass additional cost to patients.

Pharmacies end up being effectively double-taxed, first when purchasing medications from suppliers and when dispensing those medications to patients.

This excessive tax burden threatens the financial viability of pharmacies across Oregon. This essentially could lead to more pharmacies closing or reduced hours leading to delays that can compromise patient health outcomes.

Passing SB 707 is essential to safeguarding pharmacy services for all Oregonians. I urge you to support this bill to ensure patient access to affordable, timely healthcare.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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