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NO on SB 533

I am a retired Great-grandparent that is on Medicare. As such, my drug plan does not cover the drugs that are most needed. I live on less than \$2,000 per month. The consumer is not receiving the discounts for pharmaceuticals provided by the Federal 340B program. Lower income and uninsured patients will not benefit from the passage of this bill. Smaller critical access hospitals/medical facilities will not be able to pass along savings for discounted medications, while larger medical corporations and their hospitals which are contracted in the 340B program will profit. Another bill that gives special treatment to "big health care" corporations. There is no transparency at the Federal level which allows them to profit and not pass along the savings to the consumer. Health care has one of the largest increases in costs. Just because entities need the funds to be able to survive, doesn't mean that there isn't a need for transparency and accountability. Please vote NO on this bill.