

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Nichole Parsley. I am representing Albertsons Companies where I serve as the 340B Program Manager. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of Senate Bill 533. This bill is critical to ensuring fair 340B pharmacy practices, protecting patient choice, and maintaining access to life-saving medications for all Oregonians.

Albertsons currently operates 105 pharmacy locations in the state under both the Albertson's and Safeway banners. Our pharmacies provide critical support to Oregon's healthcare infrastructure and in some cases the only available access to a pharmacy in rural communities

Contract pharmacies play a crucial role in the 340B program by expanding patient access to affordable medications, particularly for those in rural and underserved communities. Without these partnerships, many patients would face long travel distances, higher out-of-pocket costs, and reduced access to essential prescriptions, directly undermining the intent of the 340B program.

Senate Bill 533 is necessary to preserve patient choice and ensure that all eligible individuals can continue receiving life-saving medications through their trusted local pharmacies. This legislation is essential in preventing drug manufacturers from interfering with the dispensing of 340B drugs—a growing trend that threatens the integrity of the program.

Recently, manufacturers have imposed restrictions, contract limitations, and excessive reporting requirements, making it harder for 340B-covered entities to use contract pharmacies effectively. These actions violate the spirit of the program, create administrative burdens, and disrupt care for patients who rely on these cost-saving benefits.

Senate Bill 533 ensures that manufacturers cannot dictate where patients receive their medications, preserving pharmacy access, provider autonomy, and the financial sustainability of safety-net providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I respectfully request your yes vote, and I will stand for any questions.