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National Community Pharmacist's Association

"The HIV Epidemic remains a significant health challenge in the United States."

FALSE: There is no HIV epidemic in the United States. Dr. James Chin, former head of HIV Surveillance for the World Health Organization, wrote in his 2006 book "The AIDS Pandemic: the Collision of Epidemiology with Political Correctness" that the North American HIV Epidemic was over by 1985 before AID\$ became government funded. He explains how myths about getting HIV are driven by moral and political pressures and that the entire story of HIV has been distorted by AIDS activists and governments to support a myth of HIV epidemics spreading into the general population driven by financial, political, an population control agendas.

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"HB 2492 will improve patient access to HIV care and aid in reducing spending related to HIV care."

FALSE: This bill relates to prescribing HIV drugs to people who do not have HIV. Because people who do not have HIV do not have HIV, it will only increase overall spending and do nothing to increase spending related to HIV care. With over a decade of PrEP uptake, new HIV incidence has not declined, and it is a myth that asymptomatic HIV positives benefit from ARV therapy. In 2008 a suppressed study by Case Western Reserve university found that the surrogate markers used to trial HIV drugs had at most a 4% predictive value of preventing AID\$ defining diseases. As early as 1994 with the CONCORDE trial, the surrogate marker of CD4 counts fell apart, a fact explored at length in Stephen Epstein's 1995 book, "Impure Science: AIDS, Activism, and the Politics of Knowledge."

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"many of our community pharmacies, especially those in rural communities, are closing because of the current unsustainable reimbursement model of the drug supply chain."

FALSE:

Although PBMs have reduced reimbursement rates, community pharmacies are primarily closing due to competition from online pharmacies, the Corporate Activity Tax, increased insurance costs, and big box competition. The overall reimbursement model of the drug supply chain is sustainable for chain and online.

Society of Health System Pharmacists

"This legislation is a crucial step toward recognizing the essential role of pharmacists in HIV care and ensuring that patients receive the comprehensive services they need."

FALSE: This legislation has nothing to do with HIV care because it concerns prescribing drugs to people who do not have HIV. They are perfectly healthy and are not patients. They do not "need" services. Although anxiety over HIV might be a mental health condition, treating it in the form PEP and PrEP, which my other testimony shows are effectively a very expensive placebo and security blanket for guilt over behavioral choices and for which non-prescription bases alternative prophylaxis such as condoms exist rendering PrEP unmedically necessary. As a gay man, I have gone 25 years as an adult without "needing" these drugs.

Representative Hua Nguyen

"HB2942 ensures that everyone, regardless of zip code or background, has the opportunity to receive timely, affirming, and high-quality HIV care."

FALSE: Again, this bill is not about HIV care. It is about charging the taxpayer to hand out medically unnecessary and expensive drugs to healthy people who are disproportionately targeted for HIV-fear-marketing due to their socioeconomic status and often their race and for which existing alternative prophylaxis are already cheaply available. Taking pharmaceutical products with known health risks that come with an FDA-black-box warning is not "affirming." Currently, there is 50,000 member class action lawsuit against Gilead Sciences for PrEP drugs causing health damage, and the package insert to Truvada says its long term health effects are unknown, so how is this "high quality?"