

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, and Leaders Thune, Schumer, and Jeffries:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge swift passage of pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reforms to reduce Americans' prescription drug costs and protect patients and their local pharmacies across the United States.

These bipartisan, bicameral PBM reforms—estimated to save nearly \$5 billion—were agreed on in negotiations over the December 2024 continuing resolution and had been approved by the committees of jurisdiction^{1,2}. This Congress, these reforms have been reintroduced in one legislative package in the House as H.R. 4317, the *PBM Reform Act* and two companion measures in the Senate as S.927, the *Protecting Pharmacies in Medicaid Act*, and as S. 882, the *Patients Before Middlemen Act*. This legislation includes policies that would lower drug costs by delinking drug prices from PBM revenues, mandating the negotiated savings go to employers, workers and their families; would save significant taxpayer dollars by banning spread pricing in Medicaid; would support pharmacies' ability to serve patients by enforcing reasonable and relevant contracts in Medicare Part D; and would shine a light on PBM practices by requiring transparency from the corporations that have persistently resisted it.

These all support the same underlying goal – to address the PBMs anti-competitive, anti-consumer practices. These provisions received overwhelming support in both parties and in both chambers of Congress. By enacting these measures, you can deliver relief to patients and families at their local pharmacy counter, employers facing continued increases in health care costs, and taxpayers who are currently overpaying for government-provided benefit programs.

The American public is tired of losing access to their local health care providers and of paying too much out-of-pocket for the medicines they need. This problem is particularly egregious as the Federal Trade Commission recently found that the PBMs generated over \$7.3 billion³ in revenue from 2017 to 2022,

¹ https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/cbo_estimate_of_the_better_mental_health_care_lower-cost_drugs_and_extenders_act_and_certain_provisions_of_the_modernizing_and_ensuring_pbm_accountability_mepa_act.pdf

² <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/2024-12/s1339.pdf>

³ <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/news/press-releases/2025/01/ftc-releases-second-interim-staff-report-prescription-drug-middlemen>

yet nearly one in three retail pharmacies have closed since 2010⁴, with more closure notices coming every day. Pharmacists are some of the most accessible and trusted health care professionals in America, with patients—particularly in rural and underserved communities—reliant on their training and expertise.

We urge you to prioritize PBM reform this fall and ensure these bipartisan efforts are enacted into law without delay. Immediate action is needed to address these harmful practices. Americans deserve and expect protection from inflated prescription drug costs, from forced pharmacy closures, and from barriers to their pharmacy of choice that result from PBM tactics.

Sincerely,

AiArthritis
986 Degrees Corporation
ADAP Advocacy Association
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Alabama Pharmacy Association
Alaska Pharmacy Association
Alliance for Transparent & Affordable Prescriptions
AMAC Action
American Associated Pharmacies
American Economic Liberties Project
American Independent Business Alliance
American Pharmacies
American Pharmacists Association
America's Agenda
Arkansas Pharmacists Association
ASCP
Association of Women in Rheumatology (AWIR)
Auburn Pharmacies
Autoimmune Association
California Pharmacists Association
CARE Pharmacies Cooperative, Inc.
Caregiver Action Network
Caring Ambassadors Program
Cascadia Pharmacy Group
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations (CSRO)
Coalition to Protect Patient Choice
Colorado Pharmacists Society
Community Access National Network

⁴ <https://publichealth.berkeley.edu/articles/spotlight/research/nearly-1-in-3-retail-pharmacies-have-closed-since-2010>

Community Liver Alliance
Community Oncology Alliance (COA)
Compliant Pharmacy Alliance Cooperative
Connecticut Pharmacists Association
Consumer Action
Delaware Pharmacy Society
Diabetes Leadership Council
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
Discount Drug Mart
Epic Pharmacies
Express RX
Florida Pharmacy Association
Florida Society of Rheumatology
FMI, the Food Industry Association
Fruth INC.
Garden State Pharmacy Owners
Georgia Pharmacy Association
Global Healthy Living Foundation
Good Day Pharmacy
Hartig Drug Company
Hi-School Pharmacy
HIV+ Hepatitis Policy Institute
Hometown Pharmacies of Wisconsin
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network
Idaho State Pharmacy Association
Illinois Pharmacists Association
Independent Pharmacy Alliance
Independent Pharmacy Cooperative
Indiana Pharmacy Association
Infusion Access Foundation
Institute for Local Self Reliance
International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers
International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
Iowa Pharmacy Association
Kentucky Pharmacists Association
Klingensmith's Drug Stores
Let My Doctors Decide Action Network
Lewis Drug
Local First Arizona
Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association
Louisville Independent Business Alliance
Lowcountry Local First
Mainstreet Alliance
Maryland Pharmacists Association

Michigan Pharmacists Association
Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association
Mississippi Pharmacists Association
Missouri Pharmacy Association
Montana Pharmacy Association
National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Grange
National Grocers Association
National Infusion Center Association
Nebraska Pharmacists Association
Nevada Pharmacy Alliance
New Jersey Pharmacists Association
New Mexico Pharmacists Association
New Mexico Pharmacy Business Council
North Dakota Pharmacists Association
Northeast Pharmacy Services Corporation
Ohio Pharmacists Association
OneroRx, Inc.
Oregon State Pharmacy Association
Osborn Drug
PARC
Partnership for Safe Medicines
Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
PBM Accountability Project
PCCA
Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association
Pharmacists Society of the State of New York
Pharmacists United for Truth and Transparency
Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin
PlusInc
Rural Minds
Sav-Mor Pharmacy Services
Small Business Majority
South Carolina Pharmacy Association
South Dakota Pharmacists Association
Tennessee Pharmacists Association
Texas Pharmacy Association
Texas Pharmacy Business Council
The Coalition for PBM Reform
Thrifty White Health
United Food & Commercial Workers
Virginia Pharmacy Association

Wakefern Food Corp.
Washington DC Pharmacy Association
Washington State Pharmacy Association
West Virginia Pharmacists Association
WSPC
Wyoming Pharmacy Association

CC: Senator Mike Crapo, Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Bill Cassidy, Senator Bernie Sanders,
Representative Brett Guthrie, Representative Frank Pallone, Representative Jason Smith, Representative
Richard Neal