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The Honorable Dave E. Burke
Chairman Senate Medicaid Committee
Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Burke and members of the Senate Medicaid Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to add Rite Aid to the growing list of community pharmacies supporting passage of House Bill 116-Partial Prescription Refills. This bill would allow patients with chronic diseases requiring prescriptions to permissively participate in a process with their physician and pharmacist to align all their medications to be refilled on the same day.

Medication synchronization is a valuable pharmacy service that improves patient adherence to prescribed medications by coordinating the refill dates for all of a patient's chronic prescription medications so they can be picked up on the same date each month.

Patient and caregiver lives are simplified by eliminating multiple trips to the pharmacy each month. It also minimizes confusion over when a prescription is due to be refilled, and minimizes disrupting treatment through delayed or missed refills.

I ask for your thoughtful consideration and favorable action in support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. A. Podgurski".

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