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Dr. Stephen A. Huffman
Chair- Health Committee
Ohio House of Representatives

Dear Dr. Huffman:

We write this letter to express our **interest and support** for Ohio House Bill 101- improving access to epinephrine.

Our Pharmacists- like you- are working every day to improve health outcomes for Ohioans. **We believe House Bill 101 will lead to better health** outcomes by easing access to epinephrine. For many Ohioans- the risk of anaphylactic shock is life-threatening. Epinephrine (auto-injectors) are a medical necessity- and often are life-saving.

House Bill 101 eases access to epinephrine by eliminating barriers and bringing better competition to the marketplace. We are reminded of a recent bill that passed the Ohio General Assembly that increased access to immunizations. Ohio ranked near the bottom (47th) for immunization rates. **Today- we have improved immunization rates** that have led to better health outcomes for Ohioans.

Discount Drug Mart is a family run company with 73 stores and pharmacies throughout Ohio. We employ more than 3,700 Ohioans including more than 235 pharmacists. Our pharmacists practice at the **top of their profession**- and have an indispensable role in serving the healthcare needs of our patients.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Respectfully-

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Pete Ratycz, R.Ph.
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