

Chair Manchester and members of the committee,

I am Todd Tackage. Owner of IHS Pharmacy in Jamestown, Ohio. My independent pharmacy serves over 8,000 patients. Many of these patients live in a very rural area of Ohio and do not have access to a chain pharmacy. We deliver over 150 prescriptions a week. Many to seniors who have no other means of obtaining their medications.

In the past 30 days two pharmacies within 25 miles of us have been forced to close their doors. One was located in Springfield. The other was the only pharmacy in Cedarville, Ohio. We have had to absorb many of their patients and now deliver even farther to these patients with no other option. PBM abuse is the reason Ohioans are losing access to their local pharmacy.

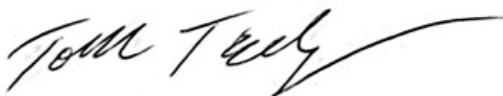
Many prescriptions we fill are reimbursed at a loss by the PBM's. HB 96 would take a huge step in fixing the abuse by these companies. Many other states have passed similar legislation in recent months. Keep Ohio at the front of PBM reform and Pass HB 96 as it is written.

Last year was our 15th year in operation. It was one of our busiest. We also operated at a loss for 2024. We have no say in our contracts that are being paid by our direct competitors. HB 96 is Ohio's chance to take back control of pharmacy and do what is right for the residents of our great state.

HB 96 will slow the closure of pharmacies across our state and prevent even more pharmacy deserts across our rural areas.

Please keep fair reimbursement in HB 96. Doing so would help to ensure that every Ohioan will continue to have access to pharmacy care no matter their zip code or economic status.

Thank you,



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