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Ohio Senate,

I am writing to ask for your support for independent pharmacies with HB 96.

The fair reimbursement language is critical to us. Many states have already passed similar legislation. This legislation would :

1)Slow the Closures of pharmacies (191 community pharmacies closed just in 2024—about 10% of all community pharmacies)

2) Allow ACCESS to pharmacists and pharmacies — Helps slow the spread of pharmacy deserts, ensuring Ohioans have adequate access to healthcare not matter their zip code.

Even the chains have had to close (See Rite Aid and Walgreens) and this has caused a terrible access issue.

In locations where we have had a competitor close, we have taken on the new patients and increased our prescription business only to LOSE MORE MONEY. So, in these scenarios we are filling more prescriptions and LOSING MORE MONEY. We will not be able to sustain this. And consequently, more pharmacies will close.

We have mayors of towns calling us asking to open pharmacies in their towns since their pharmacy has closed. And we can't help them...because no business is going to open to just lose money.

Feel free to reach out to us for any more details or information. Please support us!

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