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Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Capitol Building
Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

On behalf of the Alaska Pharmacists Association (AKPhA), I am writing in support of Alaska Senate Bill 38. I would like to personally thank you for introducing this piece of legislation, which will bring some greatly needed transparency to the audit process for Alaska pharmacies. As you already know, PBMs are not currently regulated in Alaska, and there are no guidelines on how or when audits are conducted.

AKPhA represents over 250 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the State of Alaska. Our mission is to preserve, promote, and lead the profession of pharmacy in Alaska. SB 38 strongly aligns with our mission as it will protect pharmacies from being unfairly penalized for things like clerical errors, while also requiring timely price updates for reimbursement of pharmacies by the PBMs.

Again, we appreciate your efforts and leadership on this issue. Should there be anything that I, or the Alaska Pharmacists Association can do to help ensure passage of this legislation, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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