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Senator Cathy Giessel
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Honorable Senator Giessel,

I would like to express my **strong support for SB 38**, Pharmacy Business Managers (Audit Bill) due to the absence of regulation for large corporation PBMs.

As a small business owner on remote Prince of Wales Island I quite often am paid under cost and ignored by PBMs. Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) pricing causes our pharmacy to be paid below purchase cost several times daily and our appeals for MAC pricing are rarely responded to or are completely disregarded. At any point a PBM can change their MAC pricing and they can have multiple MAC price list leaving essentially no transparency. When trying to address these issues during contracting, I am presented with "take or leave it" contracts. However, since we are the only retail pharmacy for the island, if we are not contracted our patients will not have local access to pharmacy services.

I appreciate all of the time and work that you have put into State Bill 38: Pharmacy Business Managers (Audit Bill).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie McDonald, Pharm.D.