



Senator Cathy Geissel  
Seante Majority Leader  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 121 -Pharmacies/Patients

Dear Senator Geissel,

I am writing this letter in support of SB-121. First, I wanted to thank you for supporting Pharmacists and our issues past and present. Your experience in healthcare and articulate ability to use language necessary for our legislators to comprehend our complicated healthcare system has been invaluable.

Secondly, In Alaska's underserved healthcare system, your support is crucial to small pharmacies like my family's here in Petersburg. Every day, our patients face a gamut of game plays by the PBM'S. Their choices are not theirs but are the PBM's telling them they can get lower copays elsewhere, that their medications must come from a specialty pharmacy, and they can receive better services from repeated phone calls and messaging tactics. These efforts have hurt our ability to provide services we can do locally. We can provide services in real time, not mail time. Our services provide access to patients and economic stability to our community.

Thirdly, this bill is important as it will finally hold the PBM's to transparency and accountability.

Our patients deserve a choice. Ben Franklin once said, "There is only one decision you need to make: you are either working at your Freedom or you are accepting bondage."

In closing, we all need the freedom to make choices on a playing field that is fair, accountable, and transparent. Your support for this bill is important to not only Pharmacists, their patients, but also economically for better healthcare across our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Kowalski RPh.", written in a cursive style.

Catherine Kowalski RPh.