

Subject: Support for SB940

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Please can I have your support for SB940. I am Mrs. Laura Shroyer, and I am a Baltimore, Maryland resident. I also, am a parent to three children of varying ages, who have taken multiple prescriptions over their lifetime. As their primary care giver, I was the one to administer the medications safely to my children. Which I should, as I am their guardian.

Unfortunately, this was made extremely difficult for me because I am a person who is also blind. So, in order for me to administer the medication safely I would have to take up a lot of the pharmacist's time. The pharmacist would have to spend the time going over the prescription label, and then I would have to record the information on a digital recorder so that I would have it. Doing it this way made for some difficulties and there were many instances where the pharmacist did not have the time to spend assisting me. I would have to hire a reader to read the medication to me. That was very expensive for me to do, and I was forced to show another person my personal information; which at times was very uncomfortable.

After a while, a prescription revolution came on the market, called prescription readers. These readers have been out for some time now. However, I didn't have the knowledge of them until a few years ago. I found out about them from another blind person and inquired about it at my local pharmacy. The local pharmacist had never heard of such a label before and at the time was not willing to get the accessible prescription labels.

I had to change pharmacies to a pharmacy that was willing to change to the accessible labels. This was a necessity for me and my family. It would be wonderful to be able to receive your medication from anywhere in the state of Maryland and be able to safely take them. Having the knowledge and information from the bottles is necessary for all people to properly take care of themselves and others who are in their care. People should know that this technology exists, and thus people should have access to simple devices to better take care of their health and the health of the ones they love. Please vote favorable on SB940.