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## **Support HB 652**

### **A Call for Help!!!!**

Dear Delegates,

It is with great distress that I write this letter because the livelihood of my business and my six employees, 2 drivers and various contractors we use is in jeopardy. In fact, the livelihood of so many independent pharmacies and non-independent pharmacies that are not named CVS, Walmart or Walgreens is in jeopardy. I am requesting the members of the committee and the general body to fully support bills HB756, HB1307, HB652, HB885 that will determine if the local corner independent drug store will survive much longer. It is an understatement to say that there is a monopoly created with the judge, jury and the executioner being the insurers. We have been treated unfairly and have been subjected to anything and everything possible to put us out of business. We are slowly being suffocated and controlled like puppets about every action that we take and are allowed to take. The list is quite long on what has been taken away from us so I will just stick to the basic statement that we can't survive if all aspects of our business generate a loss. I urge you to please read the bills thoroughly and listen to my fellow colleagues who are testifying about what the reality is. I am pleading you to take time to understand why we are putting in the time and effort to bring awareness to an issue that simply cannot be ignored.

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Owner/Pharmacist