## Hi Senators,

As a pharmacist, and owner of a new, but struggling, Independent Pharmacy in Maryland, I am one of your constituents. We urge you to help us and our patients by supporting these bills. I'll briefly summarize how it helps:

## - HB 382 - Medicaid Reimbursement for Managed Care;

This bill is to help us survive. Most States like Ohio, WV, New York, Texas, and Oklahoma have found out, based on studies, despite the "fraudulent claims of a high fiscal note" by PBM's, that eliminating third party pharmacy benefit managers could save the state Millions. It has actually been adopted and signed into law in many states but allow me to present one scenario from Oklahoma:

Study: Bill to eliminate third-party pharmacy benefit managers could save state millions | Oklahoma Senate (oksenate.gov)

Results; Quick passage into law due to overwhelming amount of evidence pointing to savings: Oklahoma PBM bill signed into law | NCPA.

I would encourage you to check out what Ohio saved and finally recovered even after record savings, PBMS had to repay over \$88 million the state:

<u>Centene Agrees to Pay a Record \$88.3 Million to Settle Ohio PBM Case Brought by AG Yost - Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost</u>

Respectfully,

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