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The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chairman, Economic Matters Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
231 Taylor Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **Strong Opposition** to Senate Bill 306 - Workers' Compensation - Prescription Drug & Pharmaceutical Services - Reimbursements

Dear Chairman Wilson,

Hello my name is Mark, I am 39 and disabled. I'm also a student at CBC Dundalk. I think that bill 306 is corrupt, the fact that someone even wrote it down is justification that there is corruption in our government. It will hurt businesses and hard working people all over this state. The writer of this bill should be investigated and you will know why after I tell you my story.

I had to have back surgery because of my work injury in March of 2023, which the workmen's compensation company was court ordered to pay for all my medical expenses. I had to stay a few extra days due to pain and not being able to walk. My surgeon prescribed new medication while I was in the hospital. After a few days, I was able to walk again with a walker without a lot of pain. He said I could go home the next day.

That afternoon, I was ready to go home. The social worker from the hospital came to my room. And told me that the workmen's compensation insurance companies refused to pay for my walker and I didn't have the money. The hospital had to donate the walker to me. So that I could leave the hospital.

My surgeon walked me down to the lobby to make sure I got my prescriptions, because there was a nerve pain medication I had to take. He told me if I didn't take the medication regularly like I had been, I could have a seizure or possibly die. So we went to the pharmacy, which he put in the day before. The pharmacist told us that they were

still waiting for authorization. We waited for 2 hours, with the doctor checking every 15 minutes. Till the doctor saw me in so much pain, he paid for my prescriptions out of his own pocket, so I could go home. I felt bad because I didn't have the money, the little bit of money I get from workmen's compensation barely covers my mortgage.

When I got home, I called the social worker from the hospital. To schedule when the nurse and physical therapist will come. To help clean me, because I told them before I left the hospital I lived alone. The social worker told me that workmen's comp insurance denied my nurse and physical therapist, because the adjuster was on vacation and no one else could approve anything. I called my lawyer immediately. I told him about everything, and he said they were trying to contact them. And he told me about RescueMeds. It took over a month to get into physical therapy and only when I was able to get there myself.

Since I started with RescueMeds, my prescriptions have been delivered to my house the same day I see my doctor. Never been late once, and they call when they are on the way. They make my life easier, and I don't have to stress about not getting my medications and possibly having a seizure or dying. Because if it were up to workmen's compensation I would not get my prescriptions at all, and the Medicaid would pay for them. I have been waiting for a back brace for over 2 year's. Which was brought up in court several times.

So I went to a lawyer specialising in lawsuits, I told him what workmen's compensation did to me. And I quote him "workmen's compensation insurance companies are above the law". I can not sue them for anything even if I never walk right again, because of their negligence. There are laws already protecting workmen's compensation insurance companies and you want to give them more power? Someone is taking money to push this bill and trying to destroy American businesses. The American people will not stand for it.

I vote no for bill 306. Thank you, and God bless you and God bless America!

Sincerely,

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