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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,

My name is Jacqueline Kline, and I am a medically retired Maryland State Trooper.

On October 6, 2013, I was on night shift patrol in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. My shift partner had pulled over a suspected drunk driver and called me for backup. At approximately 1:00am, I pulled up behind his vehicle on the slow shoulder of Eastbound MD-100. As I exited my patrol vehicle and began walking toward my shift partner in front of me, a vehicle traveling on MD-100 at approximately 50 mph drove over the shoulder line and struck my body from behind. My body hit the hood of the car and was then propelled into the rear end of my shift partner's vehicle, smashing out the rear windshields and hiding the metal K9 cage inside of the car.

I was airlifted to University of Maryland Shock Trauma where I spent the next week in critical condition with a severe diffuse axonal traumatic brain injury and many fractures. After a few weeks at Shock Trauma, I was transferred to Sinai Hospital in Baltimore for rehabilitation.

As one would imagine, I spent the past 11 years in pain. I've tried physical therapy a number of times to no avail. Over the years, I have had 3 surgeries on my right elbow to remove glass and debris, my jaw dislocated itself in 2020, I had a lumbar fusion in 2021, a cervical fusion in 2023, and continue to be monitored and treated for spinal pain.

I went to work one night to do the job I love, a job that most would never consider doing themselves, and I went home to a hospital on the brink of death. I say NO to Senate Bill 306. It's not fair for me to EVER pay in any way to get the prescription medication I need when Worker's Comp. has agreed to take care of me for the injuries I had so unfairly obtained.

Please don't do away with our independent pharmacies. They have made my painful and inconvenient life so much more bearable. Senate Bill 306 will cost more for the Counties and taxpayers, when individuals are forced to use Medicare and Medicaid.

Please hear my cries when I beg you not to pass Senate Bill 306.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Kline

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