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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 Michael Linyonsky and I have been living in Maryland for over 51 years. By profession, I am a career firefighter in Prince George's County, Maryland. I am also currently attending law school while still working for the Fire Department. As you probably know, firefighters tend to get hurt A LOT. I will just tell you about my personal experience with workman's comp. Our workman's comp manager was so slow to approve things, that I had to use my own insurance when I broke my hand at work. I think that is their goal, to slow things down, so you just give up and go away. This seems like a calculated move to relieve their burden. I don't have any statistics, but if you have seen the denial rate from United Healthcare (around a third), you have a good comparator.

Until companies like RescueMeds came along, we had no other choice but to constantly call and complain to get service from our carriers. Now that we have a choice, is it suddenly a big deal? This acquisition cost index that is being proposed will force these companies out of the Maryland market. The model you have now, at least gives workers in Maryland a choice. Isn't that what the free market is supposed to do? Instead, this bill will take us back in time and give a monopoly to the workman's comp carriers.

All the people do a great job in the General Assembly but this bill seems a little mis-guided. Maybe more time should be spent on studying why Maryland workers use the services of companies like RescueMeds. What exactly is the root problem? If there was not a need for these services, these companies would not exist. I am not in favor of

this bill in its current format.

Respectfully,

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