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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 Paul Johnson, and I am writing to you as an injured worker in the State of Maryland who is currently navigating the workers' compensation system. I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 306.

Before I found RescueMeds, I was unable to get the prescriptions I desperately needed—even with an official order from the Workers' Compensation Commission. My local pharmacy would not approve the medications, and I was left without help, in pain, and unsure of what to do next.

RescueMeds changed that. When they receive prescriptions from my doctor, they send the medications directly to me without delay. They may very well have saved my life. I don't say that lightly.

SB306 would take this lifeline away from me and others like me who are fighting to survive, physically and financially. I've been in the system for years. Despite a ruling from the Commission that I am disabled, the insurance company is still fighting to stop my benefits. Just days ago, they filed again, claiming I've reached "maximum medical improvement." I don't even know what that really means. Am I supposed to believe this is it for me? That I'll never get better—and now I'm just out of work, out of options, and abandoned?

While my attorney continues to fight for my rights, RescueMeds is the only reason I'm able to keep breathing. Other pharmacies turn me away, telling me the insurance has cut me off and there's nothing they can do. But not RescueMeds. They continue to help me during the fight.

Please don't take this critical support away. Oppose SB 306—for me, and for every injured worker in Maryland who still deserves a chance to heal and be heard.

Sincerely,

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