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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,

Thank you for allowing me to speak today regarding SB306.

My name is Lisa M. Murray. I am a Line of Duty Medically Retired Firefighter from the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. I served Anne Arundel County for almost 14 years before being severely injured by a drunk driver while responding to a rescue in the fire engine. I did not leave my assignment until 5 months after the accident as I did not realize just how bad my injuries were; I could no longer perform daily activities, let alone work as a firefighter. When I was removed from my active-duty position and placed on Workman's Compensation, I obtained legal counsel. Although the evidence of the injury was clear and I had representation, I spent weeks awaiting approval from the Workman's Compensation Commission (WCC) for test and procedural approval which greatly increased my pain and suffering.

If there had been an independent pharmacy (like **Rescue Meds**) available to me at that time, I know they would have helped me immediately. The time that I spent worrying and waiting for approvals and availability of medication (from the WCC) negatively impacted my health and healing.

I am asking you to please **VOTE NO** to SB306 so that public safety employees (active and retired) who rely on independent pharmacies for their medications and/or other products are not waiting through the lengthy approval process of the Workman's

Compensation Commission. RescueMeds and independent pharmacies are a critical necessity as they take action immediately and have the employee's best interest in hand.

When a public safety employee is sick or injured the last thing they should be worried about is "How long do I need to suffer before someone gets me the help/medication I need?" or "How will I afford the medication I need and who can complete the paperwork while I am trying to recover?"

Please **VOTE NO** to SB306 so independent pharmacies may continue to provide immediate relief to the people they care about. If independent pharmacies are eliminated and the WCC or other agencies take over, people will suffer needlessly. This bill directly affects the very people who act immediately, rendering care to the public, without question or delay. Why would anyone want our public safety workers to trudge through the delays and red-tape when **Independent Pharmacies** have been and should be allowed, to continue exceeding "their" immediate needs? SB 306 is a detriment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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