

February 19, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 306 - Worker's Compensation - Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services -  
Reimbursements - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is Steven McCombs, a 40yr "Life Member" of Grasonville Vol. Fire Dept. I'm currently the 1st Assistant Fire Chief and have been a Chief Officer for almost 25 years now. At the end of 2025 I'm going to step down mostly because I can't physically do the one thing I love anymore! I've dedicated my life since the age of 14, to the Fire Service. During this time, I've broken my back twice. I also believe I've had 15-16 broken bones and a few minor burns in my time. I'm currently employed with Caroline DES where I'm the Shift Lt. on D Shift in the 911 Center. I was also a PG County Fireman for 17yrs and OC Fireman for maybe 3yrs. I've worked for 3 Dept's during my career. The Centreville VFD, Denton VFC & Kent Rescue Squad in Chestertown, Md.

I'm here today in support of companies like RescuMeds, for the last 14yrs plus, I have been through hell with my back injuries and my quality of life now is horrible! I unfortunately rely on medications to just get out of bed on a daily basis. Without the medication RescuMeds provide, I tend to wake up depressed and very upset at my current situation. When I use pharmacies like CVS, I sometimes wait longer periods for the same Meds I get immediately from RescuMeds. They help me and I've had no issues getting these meds I need on a daily basis. The reimbursement rates being proposed are unreasonable and WITH THE USE OF AN ACQUISITION COST INDEX, it will prevent access to critical healthcare for injured Firman and other public safety personnel. We risk a lot on a daily basis and to go through what we do is unfair to us! I'm not alone on this. Many other Fireman and Police Officers are in the same situation.

The other point I'd like to include is how important it is to have ANOTHER OPTION to get my prescriptions and how without companies like RescuMeds, things could have gotten worse.

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