

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 Raymond Gheen and I am a proud retired police officer of the Prince George's County, Maryland Police Department. Unfortunately, my career was cut short due to injuries sustained while effecting arrests in two separate incidents resulting in a disability retirement. I recently learned of Maryland Senate Bill 306 which to my understanding would limit reimbursement to companies providing meds to injured workers in Maryland. My supplier, RescueMeds has ALWAYS provided medications in a timely and efficient manner even when they are dealing with worker comp denials. Under this bill these companies will only be reimbursed for the actual cost of the medication. How can a company continue to exist under these rules? Numerous worker comp cases are contested yet companies like RescueMeds step up and take care of many injured workers. The reimbursement rates being proposed are unreasonable with the use of an acquisition cost index, and will prevent access to critical healthcare for injured workers. Common sense should prevail, Senate Bill 306 is bad for Maryland workers and would destroy these NEEDED companies.

Raymond Gheen

Sincerely,
Raymond Gheen