

February 21, 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 Donald Kelley and I was a career firefighter/paramedic for a local jurisdiction for over 35 years. I retired a little earlier than planned due to a cardiac arrest event at work. Due to the unwillingness of the jurisdiction to consider it a work related injury, I was forced to use almost a year's worth of my sick leave before the Worker's Comp. The administrator forced the jurisdiction to return my leave. I currently work part time teaching CPR and transporting transplant teams and organs.

I'm concerned about SB 306, especially the part where it says "Reimbursement ... shall be limited to an index or indexes based on acquisition cost ... " I'm concerned this will tend to drive some pharmacies out of business - making it more difficult for people - especially those dealing with Worker's Compensation - to obtain medications when needed. I currently use RescueMeds Work Injury Pharmacy for my necessary Worker's Comp. medications. They are the epitome of a "small town pharmacy", with their excellent, personalized customer service. They, along with other smaller pharmacies will have a hard time staying in business if SB 306 is passed. This will make it harder for people to obtain the medications they need to take because of their job related injuries.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald Kelley