

RE: SB 306 - UNFAVORABLE

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee

By way of introduction, my name is Duncan Munro, and I am a resident of Beltsville MD, where my wife and I have resided for just over 52 years.

After a career that spanned about 26 years, I retired from the Prince George's County Fire Department in 1992, and followed that with a briefer, 12 year career as a Legislative Assistant for the Maryland House of Delegates.

Following my retirement from the Fire Department, I experience the following medical issues: [1] a heart attack in 2001; [2] Prostate Cancer in 2017; and bladder cancer in 2022. The good news is that due to fairly early detection and appropriate treatment, all three conditions are behind me at this time.

I was also fortunate that all three situations were found to have been job related, thus qualifying me for Workmen's Compensation. As a result of this classification, I have been fortunate to have connected with Rescue Meds, of Annapolis. to provide several follow up medications that are intended to prolong my decent health.

Dealing with Rescue Meds has been one of the most positive experiences of my medical history. These folks have been prompt, caring and incredible supportive throughout my journey. They are a small pharmacy filled with folks with big hearts.

However, this company that does so well for me, and other small pharmacies are facing the possibility of being forced out of business as the result of this legislation. That is simply not right. Small companies should not be burdened with this type of future.

I ask the Committee to consider this very real possibility while considering this bill.

While I acknowledge and confess to a very limited knowledge about the background and history of the development of this bill, one item struck me as a possible way to help the small pharmacies that do so well for folks like me. That possibility would be to replace the word "MAY" in paragraph (2) (II) with "MUST".

Thank you for the opportunity to present my view on this matter.

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