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July 11, 2026

Honorable James Comer
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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 6610, the Pharmacist Fight Back Act (in Federal Employee Health Benefits Program)

Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rosemary Smith. My husband Luther and I are both pharmacists who own Jordan Drug, Inc., an independent pharmacy chain operating six independent retail pharmacies in rural eastern Kentucky. Luther and I co-founded KIPA (Kentucky Independent Pharmacist Alliance) in 2011 to give a voice to the more than 500 independent pharmacies in our great state.

KIPA has been instrumental in the passage of many pioneering PBM reform pieces of legislation in our state from SB50 passed in 2020 that reformed PBMs in the Medicaid arena and SB188 passed in the 2024 which reformed PBM abusive practices in the commercial arena. Our members are very active with other independent pharmacists across the country supporting the passage of H.R. 6610, the Pharmacist Fight Back Act.

KIPA members want to thank the Oversight Committee for its tireless efforts in exposing abusive PBM practices in the last several years. While Congress passed meaningful action on PBM reform in Medicare Part D through the 2026 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the 8 million beneficiaries within the Federal Employee Benefits Health Program (FEHBP) remain largely unaddressed.

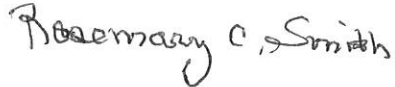
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We strongly urge the committee to pass H.R. 6610. Your leadership in reining in PBM abusive practices will lower the cost of prescriptions and ensure that your constituents will be free to choose the pharmacy of their choice. Thank you for your leadership in this issue vital to freedom of choice for patients through a transparent pharmacy reimbursement model, strong anti-steering

provisions as well as robust civil penalties that will ensure that PBMs will not be able to treat government fines simply as a “cost of doing business.”

KIPA members will be watching the upcoming hearing on H.R. 6610 with great expectations that your committee will mark up the bill after careful consideration of the issues and expressions of support for H.R. 6610 from various pharmacy groups across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemary C. Smith". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Rosemary C. Smith, R.Ph.
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K.I.P.A., co-founder

Marshall W. Davis Drugs Inc,
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Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Marshall Davis. I am a pharmacist who owns or co-owns 4 pharmacies in Western Kentucky.

I am a member of the KIPA organization, Kentucky Pharmacists Association, National Community Pharmacy Association.

I support the activity of each organization to try to preserve the access in our communities to pharmacist at the patient's local level.

This personal touch adds great value, as I am told by my patients on an almost daily basis. We continue to encourage the appropriate use of medications, supplies, vaccines, and all health care related items..

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Honorable James Comer, Chairman

Honorable Robert Garcia, Member

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RE: Support for H. R. 6610, Pharmacist Fight Back Act

Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Wientjes, Retired Pharmacist and co-owner of 4 Independent Pharmacies, Total Care Pharmacies, in North Eastern Kentucky. I am writing to ask for support for the Pharmacist Fight Back Act (H.R.6610)

In 2024, our 4 pharmacies filled thousands of prescriptions in Kentucky where we were paid hundreds of thousands of dollars less than the drug actual cost. The profitability of 2 of our pharmacies decreased 75%, and 2 of our other pharmacies lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. We were forced for over a year to use a bank line of credit to pay our twice monthly drug bills. Then, the Kentucky General Assembly passed SB 188 that saved us from closing.

Those who were grateful for SB188 included our employees, our Pharmacists and other working staff.

In 2001, I initiated a Diabetes Self-Management Education program at one of our Pharmacies. Substantially, Diabetes is a self-managed disease. Several years after I retired in 2005, One of our staff pharmacists continued the program, at one point, getting referrals from Physicians 30 miles away. Because of decreased payments from PBMs, the program no longer exists.

Passing H.R. 6610 will substantially protect both local independent pharmacies and chain pharmacies and allow Kentuckians to choose the pharmacy of their choice.

In 2024, Kentucky passed SB 188, a PBM reform bill, for prescriptions filled in the commercial market, and now I am asking that you support, H.R. 6610, a bill that is critical to the survival of community pharmacies and future provision of programs that I mentioned, Diabetes Self Management Education.

Sincerely,

Gary Wientjes, Retired Pharmacist

Managing Partner



July 17, 2026

Honorable James Comer

Chairman

RE: Support for H.R 6610, The Pharmacist Fight Back Act

Dear Chairman Comer,

Up until September 28th, 2023 I was the proud, second generation owner of Ludlow Pharmacy. Due to unsustainable reimbursements by the PBMs on both the commercial and Medicare side, I was forced to make the difficult decision to sell the Ludlow Pharmacy prescription files to Walgreens. This was devastating to me, as well as to the community. My father, Jim, owned the store for 31 years before I purchased it in 2012. Ludlow Pharmacy and the Ludlow community have been a large part of my life from early on. Throughout my career, I've taken care of multiple generations of families, and these patients were like family to me. The demographic we served had a mix of incomes, but was heavy in low income patients, many of which didn't drive or own a car. It makes me sick that we are no longer there in the community because of PBM greed.

I have no problem competing in a fair environment. What we have now is anything but fair and it's totally unsustainable. PBMs hinder patient care and they profit heavily from the services we are providing (aka spread pricing). It's astounding how many commercial claims are paid with a total reimbursement of less than \$1. One dollar. We aren't even getting paid enough for the label and vial and bag, let alone the drug and the Pharmacist's time to check for interactions and provide patient counseling. It costs more to buy a pack of gum than we get paid for many claims.

H.R 6610 is critical to the survival of independent pharmacies. In the last several years, Northern Kentucky has lost 6 of it's longstanding independent pharmacies. I'm currently still the owner of Walton Pharmacy, but we need some meaningful action soon, as the rope we are using to hang on with is severely frayed.

I urge you to please pass H.R 6610. Protect our patients and our pharmacies.

Sincerely,

Katie Litmer

Walton Pharmacy, Owner

July 17, 2026

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The Honorable Robert Garcia

Ranking Member

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

U.S. House of Representatives Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia and Members of the Committee:

As an independent pharmacist practicing in Kentucky for the past 35 years, I am writing to express my strong support for **H.R. 6610** and to ask for your continued leadership in moving forward with this critical legislation. Our independent, community pharmacies are facing extinction due to the Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) unfair reimbursements and how they force the patient to use their mail order companies for reduced copays instead of their local pharmacy where they receive personalized care.

My name is Lisa Smith and I currently work at Total Care Pharmacy in Crittenden, Kentucky. My Total Care Pharmacy location in Dry Ridge, Kentucky was forced to close in 2023 because the insurance companies (owned by the PBMs) were not even paying us enough money to cover the cost of the medicine. The Dry Ridge location joined the more than 100 independent pharmacies in Kentucky that have succumbed to the predatory, anti-competitive practices of the PBMs in the last three years.

H.R. 6610 represents a critical step toward restoring accountability, transparency and fairness to the prescription drug chain. I desperately want to be able to continue to give my patients the personal, essential healthcare they deserve and this legislation will help.

I strongly urge the committee to pass H.R. 6610. Your leadership in reducing the abusive practices of the PBMs will lower the cost of prescriptions, ensure that your constituents will be free to choose their pharmacy and hopefully keep independent pharmacies open to support their patients with personalized care.

Sincerely,

Lisa Smith

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July 14, 2026

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Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kennedy Broussard, PharmD, and I am a pharmacist at Brick City Drugs, an independent community pharmacy in Jackson, Mississippi.

I am writing to respectfully ask for your support of the Pharmacists Fight Back Act (H.R. 6610) as the Committee considers this legislation.

During the first six months of 2026, Brick City Drugs filled more than **61,000** prescriptions. Of those, **5,993** prescriptions were reimbursed below the pharmacy's acquisition cost, resulting in a total gross loss of **\$125,257.83**. Every one of these prescriptions represented a financial loss while still requiring the pharmacy to purchase the medication, safely dispense it, and provide patient counseling. No independent pharmacy can continue to provide high-quality patient care while consistently losing money on the medications and services it provides.

H.R. 6610 offers meaningful, commonsense reforms that would bring transparency and accountability to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. By establishing reimbursement based on NADAC plus 4% and a professional dispensing fee, prohibiting post-adjudication payment adjustments and point-of-sale pharmacy fees, requiring 100% of manufacturer rebates to be passed directly to beneficiaries, protecting patient choice, and increasing PBM transparency, this legislation would create a fairer system for patients, pharmacies, employers, and taxpayers alike.

Here in Mississippi, independent pharmacies have worked tirelessly for meaningful PBM reform at the state level. While we have made progress in raising awareness, meaningful reform has remained frustratingly out of reach. Pharmacies like Brick City Drugs continue serving our communities while wondering how much longer we can keep our doors open under the current reimbursement system.

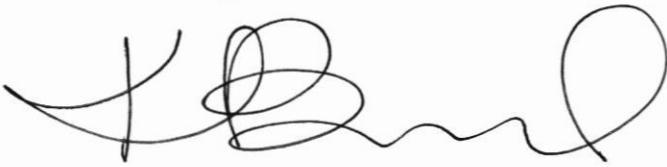
H.R. 6610 represents so much more than a bill affecting the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. It represents hope that meaningful PBM reform is still possible. It is an opportunity for Congress to demonstrate that transparency, accountability, and fair reimbursement can become the standard (not the exception). We are hopeful that this legislation can serve as a model for broader reforms that benefit patients and community pharmacies across the country.

As someone who experiences these challenges every day, I can tell you this issue is not about protecting businesses, it is about protecting patient access to healthcare. When an independent pharmacy closes, communities lose one of their most accessible healthcare providers. In Mississippi, particularly in underserved areas of Jackson and surrounding communities, that loss can mean longer travel times, delayed access to medications, and fewer healthcare resources for patients who need them most.

I respectfully ask that you vote "yes" on H.R. 6610 during markup and help move this important legislation forward. Your leadership on this issue would make a meaningful difference for independent pharmacies like Brick City Drugs, the patients we serve, and the future of community-based healthcare.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kennedy Broussard', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 6610 , the Pharmacist Fight Back Act

Dear Members of the Oversight Committee,

I was a staff pharmacist for an independent pharmacy in Ludlow, KY for 7 years. We supported an underserved community by offering resources like delivery, and we were close enough that the large number of customers who did not own a vehicle could walk to the pharmacy.

Obviously without turning a profit a business cannot survive. Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM) frequently did not reimburse us for the cost of the drugs, and they never reimbursed us for the cost of filling the prescriptions. Many of our prescriptions resulted in negative margins which basically forced us, and other local, independent pharmacies, out of business.

In effect, our closing led to the creation of a pharmacy desert for this marginalized community, and directly affects the health and safety of the people who rely on these local, accessible resources.

For independent pharmacies to survive there needs to be an end to the abusive and unfair business practices of PBMs, which makes the passage of HR 6610 critical to not just businesses, but the communities they serve. By reining in the PBMs abusive practices, the cost of prescriptions will decrease and your constituents will have the freedom to choose where to have their prescriptions filled.

I urge your support of HR 6610 and thank you for your leadership in this issue.

Sincerely,
Raye Ann Sifri, BS, Pharm D, PhD

Sarah,

I am so glad to hear the Pharmacist Fight Back Act will be heard in the Oversight Committee today. This is a significant step forward for independent pharmacies and the patients we serve across Kentucky and the nation.

Thank you for all your help in making this happen. Your support and guidance throughout this process have been invaluable, and I truly appreciate Chairman Comer's continued leadership on this critical issue.

Please know that I'm here for you if you ever need assistance. Whether it's providing real-world examples from our pharmacies, connecting you with other pharmacy owners, or supporting future legislative efforts, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks again,

David



David Figg

CEO

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Dear Chairman Comer,

Although I do not claim to understand the depth & width of scope regarding PBM's, I do know that independent pharmacies will cease to exist in communities, especially rural ones, without intervention. I do support HR 6610 as a pharmacist & a faithful employee of an independent pharmacy. I am not a pharmacy owner. I could go elsewhere for employment when the doors close. I do, however, always care for what is right & just. We face daily challenges reviewing claims for underpayment sometimes even requiring a customer to go elsewhere because the financial loss is too great. We desire a fair & level playing field as in many facets - education, politics, American opportunity, & healthcare, including pharmacies. I fully support HR 6610 & encourage you to dutifully press onward.

Respectfully,

Joy Shouse-Coke, Staff Pharmacist

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July 17, 2026

Honorable James Comer
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Committee on Oversight and Accountability
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for the Pharmacist Fight Back Act (H.R. 6610)

Dear Chairman Comer and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today to voice my strong support for **H.R. 6610, the Pharmacist Fight Back Act**, ahead of its consideration by the Oversight Committee. Operating an independent pharmacy has never been more challenging than it is right now. Every day at Hanson Pharmacy, we deal with the predatory, unfair practices of major, vertically integrated Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Mega corporations like CVS/Caremark, Express Scripts, and OptumRx consistently force us to dispense medication at reimbursements far below what it actually costs us to acquire them. This deliberate financial squeezing is driving community pharmacies out of business nationwide, all while these same PBMs direct patients toward their own highly profitable mail-order operations.

When independent pharmacies close, patients lose their choice of care, and costs go up. Recent investigations by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Office of the Inspector General have pulled back the curtain on this behavior, revealing a massive pattern of PBM overcharges within federal plans.

While Kentucky has led the way with strong state-level legislation—like SB 50 for Medicaid and SB 188 for the commercial market—we cannot fully protect our patients without federal intervention. PBMs continue to exploit regulatory gaps on a national level, and it is destroying our profession. The **Pharmacist Fight Back Act** is the federal remedy we need to restore transparency, stop unfair reimbursement schemes, and protect a patient's right to choose their local pharmacist. I strongly urge the Committee to pass H.R. 6610.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to investigating PBM abuse.

Sincerely,

Robert Cain, R.Ph.
Hanson Pharmacy

Sarah,

I'm writing to thank Rep. Comer for all he has done for pharmacy and his support of the Pharmacist Fight Back Act H.R. 6610. I fully support the efforts of our members of Congress to pass the Pharmacist Fight Back Act H.R.6610. The provisions of this bill will go a long way in aiding independent pharmacies to become financially successful in order to stay in business to serve all of our customers and your constituents.

Sincerely,

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Ron Poole R.Ph.

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July 15, 2026

The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Pharmacist Fight Back Act (H.R. 6610) and respectfully ask for your support as this important legislation comes before the Committee.

As the owner of Eastridge-Phelps Pharmacy, I have had the privilege of serving patients in rural Kentucky and witnessing firsthand the vital role that independent community pharmacies play in keeping our communities healthy. Every day, we care for neighbors, families, and patients who rely on us not only for medications, but also for trusted healthcare advice and personal attention.

Unfortunately, the current environment for independent pharmacies has become increasingly difficult due to the unfair and deceptive business practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). Today, many independent pharmacies are routinely reimbursed below the actual acquisition cost of the medications they dispense, leaving no reimbursement to cover the estimated \$12.50 it costs to safely fill and dispense each prescription. This means pharmacies lose money on both the medication itself and the professional services required to provide safe patient care.

Meanwhile, vertically integrated companies such as CVS/Caremark, Express Scripts, and UnitedHealthcare/Optum can reimburse their own retail, mail-order, and specialty pharmacies at significantly higher rates while forcing independent pharmacies to absorb unsustainable losses. This uneven playing field has led to the closure of community pharmacies across Kentucky and throughout the country, reducing access to healthcare for the patients who depend on them most.

Kentucky has taken meaningful steps to address PBM abuse at the state level. In 2020, Senate Bill 50 brought comprehensive reform to the Medicaid market, making Kentucky one of the first states to enact meaningful PBM oversight. In 2024, Senate Bill 188 expanded those reforms to the commercial insurance market. While these laws have

provided important protections, federal programs remain vulnerable to many of the same abusive PBM practices.

Recent audits conducted by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Office of Inspector General (OIG) within the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) identified significant PBM overcharges and failures to pass through savings, including:

- \$493 million in PBM overcharges, including \$400.7 million in retail pharmacy discounts and \$92.4 million in retail pharmacy transmission fees that were withheld from the plan.
- \$40 million in additional overcharges resulting from failures to pass through retail pharmacy discounts and manufacturer rebates paid to PBMs and their affiliated offshore companies.
- \$6.9 million in overcharges from retail pharmacy transmission fees that were not passed through.
- \$16.4 million in additional overcharges involving withheld retail pharmacy discounts and manufacturer rebates.

These findings make it clear that PBM practices are harming not only independent pharmacies and the patients we serve, but also federal employees and taxpayers. Greater transparency, accountability, and fairness are urgently needed.

The Pharmacist Fight Back Act (H.R. 6610) would provide meaningful protections by preventing predatory PBM contracting practices, reducing patient steering, preserving access to trusted community pharmacies, and strengthening fiscal accountability within the FEHBP.

On behalf of independent community pharmacies and the patients who depend on them every day, I respectfully ask that you vote "Yes" on H.R. 6610. Your support will help preserve access to quality pharmacy care in rural and underserved communities while protecting federal employees and taxpayers from continued PBM abuses.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your continued service to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Eastridge, PharmD". The signature is cursive and stylized.

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July 14, 2026

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Dear Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Garcia:

Re: **Protect Independent Pharmacies in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program**

I am writing you as a Deputy United States Marshal with 21 years of federal law enforcement service, and a participant in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. I am writing to ask you to act on pharmacy benefit manager reform for FEHB, and I want to tell you why in plain terms.

For two decades and through every government relocation, my family has relied on the FEHB Program to care for us. In that time, I have watched as the pharmacy landscape narrowed, threatening the care of families who deserve better from the government they have served. Recently, my daughter got sick and needed to start an antibiotic that day. A mail-order pharmacy doesn't work for that, I needed medicine in my hands, from a pharmacist who could talk me through dosing and side effects on the spot. My **independent pharmacy** did that. No PBM mail-order operation ever could.

Your Committee has already built the record on why independent pharmacies like mine are disappearing. Three hearings and 140,000 pages of documents tell the story: the three largest PBMs control roughly 80 percent of the prescription drug market, own their own pharmacies, and use that dominance to reimburse independents below cost, claw back fees after the fact, and steer patients toward their own mail-order and retail operations. Just this week, I watched this payout in real time as my pharmacist filled one of my two monthly prescriptions with tears in his eyes. At my insistence, he

explained that Caremark had drastically reduced the reimbursement on my medication, creating an unsustainable dilemma for care providers who are also business owners. When I called my insurance company to unravel what I thought must have been a mistake, the representative confirmed a reduction in reimbursement from \$160 to \$36 – a 77% decrease in reimbursement in a single month. It's no wonder independent pharmacies are shuttering their doors, each leaving one less place for federal employees like me to walk into when our families need help.

The FEHB Program should lead, not lag.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 was a tangible step forward, but its strongest protections phase in over the next two to three years and focus on Medicare Part D and ERISA — not FEHB. The federal government's own health program for its own workforce should not be an afterthought. I'm asking the Committee to move legislation that gives FEHB pharmacies the same protections this Committee has already recognized are necessary, and to do it **now**:

- Cost-covering reimbursement for FEHB network pharmacies, tied to a transparent benchmark, so they aren't filling prescriptions at a loss.
- A ban on retroactive DIR fees clawed back after a prescription is already filled.
- A firm prohibition on steering FEHB enrollees toward PBM-owned pharmacies over the one they trust and rely on.
- Full rebate pass-through to FEHB carriers, without funding it out of independent pharmacies' own reimbursement.

I have spent my career answering the call when people needed help. I am asking this Committee to do the same for the pharmacies who support federal families every day. Please give this the same public spotlight you gave the PBM executives who sat before you and refused to answer straightforward questions about what their practices are doing to communities like mine.

Thank you for your bipartisan leadership on this issue and for the opportunity to share my perspective as both a federal employee and an advocate for independent pharmacies. I would welcome the opportunity to speak further with your staff, and I will be watching next week's proceedings closely.

Respectfully,



Ashley Allen

Deputy U.S. Marshal, 21 Years of Federal Service

FEHB Program Participant



July 14, 2026

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RE: Support for H.R. 6610, the Pharmacist Fight Back Act (Federal Employees Health Benefits Program)

Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association (MIPA) and the independent community pharmacies we represent across Mississippi, I write to express our strong support for H.R. 6610, the Pharmacist Fight Back Act.

My name is Joe Mohamed, R.Ph., and I serve as President of the Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association. I am also the owner of G&P Pharmacy in Belzoni, Mississippi. Every day, I witness firsthand the essential role independent community pharmacies play in providing accessible, personalized healthcare in communities both rural and urban throughout our state.

MIPA appreciates the Committee's continued leadership in examining the business practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and exposing practices that harm patients, employers, taxpayers, and the pharmacies that serve their communities. The Committee's oversight has brought much-needed transparency to a marketplace that has operated for far too long without adequate accountability.

While Congress made meaningful progress in addressing PBM abuses within Medicare Part D, millions of federal employees, retirees, and their families enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) continue to be subject to many of the same harmful practices. H.R. 6610 represents an important step toward extending commonsense protections to these beneficiaries.

Independent pharmacies throughout Mississippi continue to face below-cost reimbursement and unfair competitive advantages enjoyed by PBM-owned pharmacies. These practices threaten patient access to care, particularly in rural communities where the local pharmacy is often one of the most accessible healthcare providers.

Mississippi has already experienced the devastating effects of these practices. Since 2021, at least 54 independent community pharmacies closed across our state. In 2026, an additional seven independent pharmacies have closed their doors. Every closure means fewer healthcare access points, longer travel distances for patients, reduced medication adherence, and the loss of trusted healthcare professionals who know their communities personally.

H.R. 6610 would help restore fairness by promoting transparent reimbursement methodologies, prohibiting discriminatory reimbursement practices, addressing conflicts of interest created by vertically integrated PBMs, and ensuring that federal employees have meaningful access to the pharmacy of their choice.

We respectfully urge the Committee to advance H.R. 6610 and continue its important work to increase transparency, accountability, and fairness within the prescription drug supply chain. Protecting independent community pharmacies ultimately protects patients by preserving access to high-quality, affordable, community-based healthcare.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to addressing PBM practices that negatively impact patients, employers, taxpayers, and community pharmacies across America. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to the Committee's continued progress on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Joe Mohamed, R.Ph.

Joe Mohamed, R.Ph.
President
Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association (MIPA)

Independent Pharmacies need HR 6610

Unfortunately, Independent Pharmacies have had to deal with the struggles of below cost reimbursement and claw backs from PBM's for many years now. We need help and we need it now. Just stop and think for a moment how health care would be impacted by the closure of thousands of Independent Pharmacies. This would cause a situation similar to rationing. People would not have quick access to medicines and vaccines. People would have to wait in long lines for life saving necessities and it would quickly overwhelm any chain pharmacies that would remain. This is not hyperbole; this is a very real situation that is looming on the horizon.

I am the owner of Jeff's Prescription Shop in Elizabethtown. Just this year, two independent pharmacies in Elizabethtown have closed. You would think that less competition would make me happy, but I am literally on the brink of closure as well.

I truly appreciate the work Chairman Comer has done and the light he has shined on the abusive practices of the PBM's. Independent Pharmacies need his continued help and HR 6610 would be a great step in the right direction.

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Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Fair Jones, PharmD, and I am the owner and pharmacist at Sav-Mor Drugs and Gifts, an independent community pharmacy in Grenada, Mississippi.

I am writing to respectfully ask for your support of the Pharmacists Fight Back Act (H.R. 6610) as the Committee considers this legislation.

During the first six months of 2026, my pharmacy filled more than 26,000 prescriptions. More than 75% of those prescriptions were reimbursed below the cost to safely dispense them, and thousands were reimbursed below the acquisition cost of the medication itself. No business can continue to provide high-quality healthcare when it loses money on most of the services it provides.

H.R. 6610 offers meaningful, commonsense reforms that would bring transparency and accountability to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. By establishing reimbursement based on NADAC plus 4% and a professional dispensing fee, prohibiting post-adjudication payment adjustments and point-of-sale pharmacy fees, requiring 100% of manufacturer rebates to be passed directly to beneficiaries, protecting patient choice, and increasing PBM transparency, this legislation would create a fairer system for patients, pharmacies, employers, and taxpayers alike.

Here in Mississippi, independent pharmacies have worked tirelessly for meaningful PBM reform at the state level. While we've made progress in raising awareness, meaningful reform has remained frustratingly out of reach. Many of us continue serving our communities while wondering how much longer we can keep our doors open under the current system.

That is why H.R. 6610 represents so much more than a bill affecting the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. It represents hope that meaningful PBM reform is still possible. It is an opportunity for Congress to

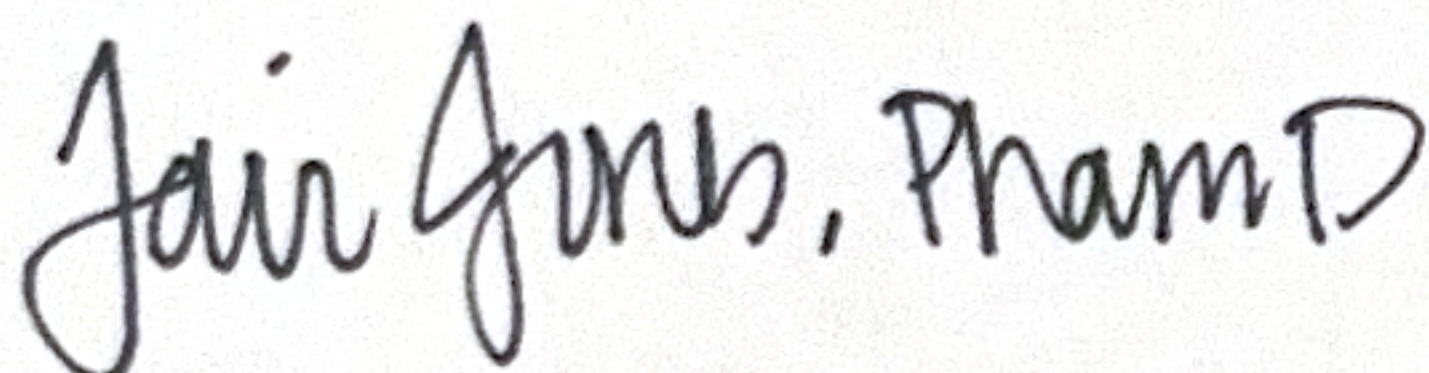
demonstrate that transparency, accountability, and fair reimbursement can become the standard—not the exception. We are hopeful that this legislation can serve as a model for broader reforms that benefit patients and community pharmacies across the country.

As someone who lives these challenges every day, I can tell you this issue is not about protecting businesses—it is about protecting patient access to healthcare. When an independent pharmacy closes, communities lose one of their most accessible healthcare providers. In rural states like Mississippi, that loss can mean longer drives, delayed medications, and fewer healthcare resources for patients who need them most.

I respectfully ask that you vote “yes” on H.R. 6610 during markup and help move this important legislation forward. Your leadership on this issue would make a meaningful difference for independent pharmacies, the patients we serve, and the future of community-based healthcare.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fair Jones, PharmD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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My name is Warren E. Hutto, R.Ph., President and owner of LAB Discount Drugs, Inc., an independent pharmacy in Waynesboro, MS. I have been a practicing independent pharmacist for 51 years in Mississippi, and started LAB Discount Drugs in 1982. We have been an important and necessary pharmacy, serving the healthcare needs of our community and the surrounding 20 mile radius in our rural area. Even though we are a large volume pharmacy serving many patients, it has become a struggle to keep our pharmacy open over the past 4 or 5 years due to low and under cost reimbursement from the PBMs. LAB Discount Drugs, as well as most other independent pharmacies cannot continue down this path and continue to serve our patients while losing money on over half the prescriptions we fill. Over 7 independent pharmacies have been forced to close since January 2026 to date in Mississippi.

LAB Discount Drugs gives personal individualized care to its patients. They cannot receive this type of care at a busy chain pharmacy; and our pharmacists are always available to talk to a patient about their medications and health issues. LAB Discount Drugs employs sixteen employees, several of whom are single moms who depend on their jobs, and the flexible hours that we are willing to work around. Also we are supporters of our community. We sponsor summer baseball and softball teams, and purchase ads in the schools' various athletic programs.

In Mississippi, independent pharmacists have worked tirelessly with a united voice to bring meaningful PBM reform at the State level. We have raised awareness in our communities and the state as a whole, but have not been able to get legislation passed, while all states surrounding Mississippi have passed meaningful legislation. The PBMs are powerful and the system must change, before community healthcare as we know it disappears.

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Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Chris Walker. I am a Physical Therapist and I am writing a letter
on behalf of my wife, Courtney, who is a PharmD and co-owner of an
Independent Pharmacy in Greenwood, MS.

I want to start by saying, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your
tireless work on behalf of Independent Pharmacies. I recently read the
saying, "A parent is only as happy as their saddest child." As a father, that
rings truer by the day. Most recently, it has been my experience that a father
is only as happy as his saddest family member. As a daddy and husband,
when things go wrong, I just want to help "make it all be all right." I want

frowns turned upside down, pain eased, tears to dry up, and worries to vanish. When we aren't able to make it all right, we try to comfort the best way we can with hugs, words of encouragement, scripture, and be there for them, having faith that GOD will make it work out.

Family likes to brag on their own, but my wife Courtney is simply built differently. I don't know anyone as relentlessly selfless, hardworking, determined, loving, humble, and caring as she. Since the age of 15, she has held a job to help pull her own weight, as her father was a dry land farm manager in Yazoo. As a teen, she worked at a flower shop in Yazoo City until she graduated HS and went to college at Ole Miss. There, she helped her cousin grow a tiny clothing store called Missbehavin' into one of the biggest stores on the square. She held this full-time job through college, working every other home football weekend, double-decker, holidays, etc. During four years in pharmacy school, she worked weekends at Walgreens to help us have a little spending money as newlyweds.

Truly, our Court is an absolute rock. Yet, last week I saw that rock crumble. Like many of her colleagues, the physical, emotional, and financial stress imposed by corporate greed from PBMs had taken its toll, and she broke down. The fear of Greenwood Drugs having to close its doors after 10 years had consumed her. In true Courtney fashion, as tears rolled down her face, she voiced worry for her staff, her patients, and the city of Greenwood. "My girls (employees) have families... What are people going to do when their babies need their medicine late on the weekend?.. Who is going to run people their medicines when they are having to quickly leave town for a loved one?.. Who is going to take the time to talk to our sweet elderly folks and explain their meds or insurance plans?"

No one is going to accuse the Walker family or Greenwood Drugs of being perfect by any means. However, I can confidently say Greenwood Drugs goes above and beyond to do things the right way. They don't cut corners. Thanks to our incredibly loyal patients and customers and community

support, combined with a hard-working staff, Greenwood Drugs is literally the busiest it has EVER been. However, some of the largest and most powerful insurance companies continuously reimburse below drug cost (not to mention cost of bottle, label, bag, and the pharmacist filling the med) for 1 out of every 4 prescriptions, and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) can arbitrarily assess "DIR" fees for any reason, for any meds at any time. That formula isn't sustainable for any business.

Filled with disappointment and anger, feeling truly powerless and unable to protect my family's well-being, all I could think of is "How is this happening? What business gets punished for doing a good job and having more customers? Why are our Mississippi leaders allowing these billion-dollar companies to take money from hard-working Mississippi women, who chose to come back to the MS delta and take a chance on opening up a pharmacy?"

Then, I see my phone has a notification, and on my screen is scripture from my Bible app. "MY grace is sufficient for you. For MY power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor 12:9

We have been patient and powerless for 3 years in dealing with severe PBM abuse and underwater pricing, with little to no help from our state government. We have prayed that GOD would take this thorn from our side, allowing Greenwood Drugs, and nearly 400 other MS Independent Pharmacies, to simply be given honest pay for honest work and keep our doors open. I know HE will give us what we need in HIS good time.

In closing, bipartisanship is rarely seen in today's political climate, but both parties in Congress and the POTUS himself have come together on the need to radically reform and/or do away with middlemen known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers. Multiple states, specifically our southern neighbors (LA, AR, AL, TN, KY, GA, FL), have implemented PBM reforms and are looking to add more stringent laws restricting PBM power. Meanwhile, MS legislators

sit idle due to PBM lobbyists using tired, old fearmongering with threats of premium hikes on some of the state's largest companies.

Thus, my family and I come to you, Honorable Comer and Garcia, respectfully and humbly pleading that you use your positions on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee to **support Pharmacists Fight Back Act H.R. 6610** and help "make it all right" for the millions of patients, businesses, and pharmacists affected by the PBMs.

Sincerely yours,
Chris Walker

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The Honorable James Comer, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Garcia, and Members of the Committee:

I never imagined that one of the greatest threats to my healthcare would not be my chronic illness, but the possibility of losing the independent pharmacy that helps me manage it.

My name is Bethany Powers, PharmD, and I am writing today not as a pharmacist, but as a patient from Mississippi living with a complex chronic neurological illness that requires ongoing, coordinated medical care.

After spending 20 years serving patients as a community pharmacist, I never imagined I would one day depend so heavily on the care and advocacy of an independent pharmacist myself. My experience has given me a unique perspective. I understand both the challenges patients face and the essential role independent pharmacies play in keeping them healthy.

Every day, I manage a complicated medication regimen involving frequent monitoring, medication changes, prior authorizations, appeals, and coordination among multiple physicians. My independent pharmacist is an essential member of my healthcare team.

My pharmacist has identified potential medication problems, resolved insurance barriers, located medications during shortages, coordinated directly with my physicians, and helped ensure I never went without treatment. Those actions may never appear on a reimbursement report, but they have made an immeasurable difference in my health, my safety, and my quality of life.

For patients living with chronic illnesses, delays in receiving medication are not simply inconvenient—they can lead to worsening symptoms, emergency room visits, or hospitalization. My pharmacist knows my medical history, understands my unique needs,

and provides a level of personalized care that simply cannot be replaced by a mail-order warehouse or a national call center.

Independent pharmacies are especially vital in Mississippi, where many communities are rural and healthcare resources are already limited. If these pharmacies continue to close because of unfair Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) practices, patients like me will lose one of the most trusted and accessible members of our healthcare team.

H.R. 6610, the Pharmacists Fight Back Act, represents an important step toward greater transparency, accountability, and fairness within the prescription drug system. More importantly, it helps protect patients' access to the community pharmacies they depend on every day.

This issue is not about protecting businesses—it is about protecting patients. It is about preserving access to medications, safeguarding the trusted relationships between patients and their pharmacists, and ensuring that healthcare decisions are driven by patient needs rather than the financial interests of middlemen.

As both a pharmacist and a patient, I understand this issue from two perspectives. Today, however, I ask you to hear my voice simply as a patient. When I call my independent pharmacy, I am not speaking to a stranger reading from a script hundreds of miles away. I am speaking to healthcare professionals who know me, recognize when something isn't right, and genuinely care about my well-being. During some of the most difficult years of my life, that relationship has provided reassurance, continuity of care, and peace of mind that cannot be measured in dollars.

I respectfully ask you to support H.R. 6610, the Pharmacists Fight Back Act, and continue working toward meaningful PBM reform. Please stand with the patients who rely on independent community pharmacies every day. Your leadership can help preserve access to essential healthcare services and ensure that patients—not middlemen—remain at the center of healthcare.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bethany Powers, PharmD

Protecting Patient Access to Independent Community Pharmacy

15 July 2026

The Honorable James Comer

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****Subject: Support for H.R. 6610 – Empowering Independent Pharmacies and Protecting Patients****

Dear Representative Comer,

As an independent pharmacist practicing in Kentucky, I am writing to express my strong support for ****H.R. 6610**** and to urge your continued leadership in advancing this critical legislation.

Our community pharmacies are facing an existential crisis due to the predatory, anti-competitive practices of dominant Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Through vertical integration, arbitrary fees, and below-cost reimbursement rates, PBMs are actively forcing local pharmacies out of business and restricting patient access to care—especially in our state's rural and underserved communities. For example, 110 independent pharmacies in Ky alone have closed in only the past 3 years.

H.R. 6610 represents a vital step toward restoring transparency, accountability, and fairness to the prescription drug supply chain. By curbing unfair PBM practices, this bill will help ensure that independent pharmacies can continue to provide the personalized, essential healthcare services our patients rely on daily.

Let's put the rubber on the road. PBMs represent white-collar crime at its best...they set the rules, they dictate the contracts, they set the payment schedules (often reimbursement rates below pharmacy cost), they squeeze out independent pharmacies while enhancing their company-owned mail order and chain pharmacies, while they hide behind the mantra of "providing affordable healthcare", with the largest three PBMs being in the top 13 Fortune

100 top profitability companies in the nation. All while making patients wait and continue to suffer days, and sometimes weeks, to approve doctor prescribed medications. They even enter into agreements to only pay for much more expensive brand name medications when cheaper approved generics exist and force their beneficiaries to pay the higher brand name copay. This actually increases patient cost for medications, while they profit from manufacturer rebates on the higher-priced brand name drugs.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to investigating PBMs and defending small businesses. I urge you to champion H.R. 6610 and push for its swift passage.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support for H.R. 6610, the Pharmacist Fight Back Act

Dear Chairman, Ranking Member, and Committee Members:

My name is Scott Yates, proud pharmacist and owner of Yates Pharmacy Russellville, KY and Heartland Family Pharmacy Auburn, KY. As the owner of 2 independent pharmacies in Kentucky I implore you to seriously make sure the Pharmacist Fight Back Act gets passed this legislative session!

I applaud the Oversight Committee for its efforts in exposing unfair and abusive PBM practices, however exposure is not enough! The tyrants that are PBMs continue to take advantage of not only our government but also your constituents, and independent pharmacies like mine! They have been given free reign long enough!

H.R. 6610 is critical to the survival of not only my pharmacies but all independent community pharmacies, in my home state and across the nation. I read the sad news of pharmacies closing almost weekly here in my state and even more across the country, and it is due to the continual raping from PBMs! I know that is strong language, but as an owner that has to look at their checkbook some weeks to make sure money is there to pay my employees and drug bill, it is true!

So in this I simply ask for you to vote YES in moving H.R. 6610 forward and as it is critical to our survival as independent pharmacies!

Sincerely,

Scott Yates PharmD

















