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HB0601

Mt. Vernon Pharmacy

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Prescription and Over the Counter Medications * Prescription Counseling * Diabetes Supplies * Vaccinations

**Testimony offered on behalf of:
MT. VERNON PHARMACY**

IN SUPPORT OF:

HB0601 – Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Revisions, as Amended

Senate Finance Committee
Hearing: 3/30/2021 at 1:00 PM

On behalf of Mt. Vernon Pharmacy, an EPIC Pharmacy member, I would urge the Committee to **Support HB0601 – Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Revisions, as amended by the House.**

Do you want the bills that the Maryland legislature passes into laws to be relevant?

For as long as I can remember, PBMs have asserted that local State laws have very little impact and effect because the PBM's activities are exempt from Maryland laws because of ERISA preemption.

On December 10, 2021, now considered a national holiday by Community Pharmacists, the Supreme Court of the United States unanimously ruled in *Rutledge vs. PCMA*, that PBM's are indeed not exempt from State laws because of ERISA.

HB0601, as amended, with input from the Attorney General's office, cleans up language in Maryland law as a result of the Supreme Court ruling.

If the legislature passes legislation in hopes that it has meaning, I cannot imagine how this bill could be opposed by any legislator in the General Assembly.

I respectfully request a **Favorable Opinion on HB0601, as amended.**

Sincerely,



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