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President Joe Biden
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The Honorable Tom Carper
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
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Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chris Coons
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear President Biden, Senators Carper and Coons, and Representative Blunt Rochester:

As Delaware's State Auditor and a licensed pharmacist, I urge you to give serious consideration to the attached letter from the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). I wholeheartedly support NCPA's mission to lower drug prices for seniors by directly addressing Pharmacy Benefit Managers' (PBMs) predatory practices, which include abuse of Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) fees and spread pricing.

Specifically, I strongly support passage of H.R. 3554/S. 1909, known as the *Pharmacy DIR Reform to Reduce Senior Drug Costs Act*, as well as the return of legislation that previously passed the House of Representatives, H.R. 3, the *Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, that would ban Medicaid managed care spread pricing by PBMs.

As a pharmacist, I have seen firsthand the choices people must make between affording their life-saving medications and buying food for their families. It is heartrending to watch people make these decisions and to know that their prescription drug prices are being artificially inflated to line the pockets of CVS, Express Scripts Inc., and OptumRx with billions of dollars.

As State Auditor, I have released two special reports so far on the impact that PBMs are having in Delaware. These reports – titled [*Lack of Transparency & Accountability in Drug Pricing Could be Costing Taxpayers Millions*](#) and [*Predatory Practices: Survey Says Middlemen Destroying Delaware's Independent Pharmacies*](#) – have garnered national attention and helped to shine a light on how PBMs have gouged millions of dollars out of Delaware taxpayers and are strangling independent pharmacies' ability to stay open and serve as the first line of defense for their customers who are hurt or sick.

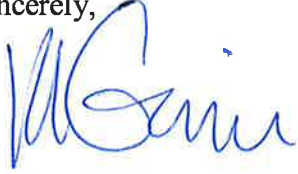
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I urge you to support this important federal legislation and strive to help better protect Delaware's residents from fraud, waste, and abuse of their tax dollars by PBMs.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 302-739-5055 or kathleen.mcguinness@delaware.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K McGuinness', written in a cursive style.

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