



April 5, 2022

The Honorable Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia
State Capitol, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E
Charleston, WV 25305

RE: THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HB 4112

Dear Governor Justice:

We are writing on behalf of the West Virginia Independent Pharmacy Association (WVIPA) and the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) to **thank you for signing HB 4112 into law**. NCPA represents the interest of America's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 19,400 independent community pharmacies across the United States and 194 independent community pharmacies in West Virginia. The WVIPA represents those same independent community pharmacies in the Mountain State on state-specific issues. As Governor, you have been a steadfast champion for pharmacies and their patients, always putting locally owned and operated business and patient access at the highest priority. As a result, West Virginia now has some of the strongest, most impactful pharmacy and patient protections in the country.

HB 4112 will help patients retain access to their trusted pharmacy by protecting their right to choose the in-network pharmacy provider that is best for them. Too often, that choice is stripped from patients by their pharmacy benefits manager (PBM), which forces patients to use a particular pharmacy to fill their prescriptions, particularly high-cost specialty drug prescriptions.

Coupled with protections in existing law, the provisions of HB 4112 will protect patient choice from PBM conflicts of interests by giving patients greater authority to choose which in-network pharmacy to fill their prescriptions. Thank you for your continued support for patients and small business pharmacies in West Virginia.

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