





Dear Massachusetts State Senators and Representatives,

We are writing to encourage you to seize the opportunity that you have to stand up for the people of Massachusetts, and to confront the tactics of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) - the pharmaceutical middlemen - that:

-  inflate prescription drug prices
-  shift patients from their doctor's prescription to often more expensive medications
-  block patients from their pharmacy of choice
-  force pharmacies out of business.

We urge Massachusetts legislators to stand up to “pharmaceutical benefit manipulation” that relies on a complex and hidden system.

Solutions can be simple if states and the federal government do their part.

According to a recent survey in Massachusetts, nearly **9 in 10** voters are either very or somewhat likely to support Massachusetts legislation that would allow patients to go to the pharmacy of their choice, require PBMs to be more transparent, and prevent PBMs from reimbursing pharmacies below cost.¹

¹Breakthrough Research. (2024) Massachusetts Health Care Perceptions Survey, Commissioned by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores

It is time to put people before PBMs. Bay Staters' healthcare should belong to Bay Staters – not the manipulators.

Sincerely,



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