

OREGON STATE SENATE

June 26, 2023

Lori L. Brocker Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for House Bill 3013

Dear Secretary Brocker,

There is much in House Bill 3013 I could support. I want our pharmacies to have clarity and transparency from PBMs. I think they should be licensed to do business in our state to protect our consumers and independent pharmacies. This legislation would have completely changed the reimbursement methodology for payers and most pharmacies. That wholesale change needs to have further analysis and review by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board that was created specifically for these issues. Moreover, House Bill 3013 would have introduced inflation into our prescription drug market and would have inevitably raised prices on consumers by requiring increased dispensing fees. Those fees would be paid to all pharmacies including those owned by big-box stores and PBMs. I look forward to continuing the conversation on protecting our local pharmacies, but we saw that when similar legislation was passed in Tennessee, their consumers were hit hard, and I simply felt the risk to our most vulnerable was too great.

Thank you.

Senator Janeen Sollman

Senate District 15