

Senator Donna Bailey, Chair

Representative Kristi Mathieson, Chair

Members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services

***RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of LD 1018 – An Act to Protect Health Care for Rural and Underserved Areas by Prohibiting Discrimination by Participants in a Federal Drug Discount Program***

Dear Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee,

As a community pharmacist and owner of Spruce Mountain Pharmacy in Jay, I am writing to express my strong support for the 340B Drug Pricing Program. This critical program enables pharmacies like mine to continue providing accessible, affordable care to patients, particularly those in underserved communities.

Community pharmacies serve as essential healthcare hubs by offering prescription medications, health screenings, medication management, and medical supplies—all with the goal of improving patient outcomes. Through the 340B program, we can maintain lower costs for patients, expand services, and ensure equitable access to care for those who need it most.

In Maine, where pharmacy deserts are an increasing concern, the 340B program helps mitigate barriers to healthcare access. By addressing these challenges, the program strengthens the healthcare safety net for patients and communities alike.

I urge you to protect and support the 340B program to ensure that pharmacies like Spruce Mountain Pharmacy can continue making a meaningful impact in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this essential initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

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