

Testimony for House Bill 2598
House Insurance Committee
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Chairman Vickery and Members of the Committee:
I am Eric Moeder, a pharmacist in Russell, Kansas.

I am writing this to you today to ask for your support for HB 2598.

It has been my experience, in my practice, that the unregulated PBM industry has been detrimental to my patients due to their hidden practices with price manipulation, spread billing, rebates for formulary drugs not passed on to the patient or employer, forcing mail order plans and other practices. It effects the senior citizens the most who are generally on a fixed income.

I believe all of this non transparency by the PBMs has caused an unnecessary increase in the overall cost of pharmaceutical health care.

I am proud to be able to support HB 2598. This bill provides for much-needed oversight of PBMs in Kansas. HB 2598 will assist in providing patients and payors in the state the information and the environment they need to make the best decisions regarding where they get their medications, how much they pay, and who they have assisting them in achieving their best health.

Thank you, Chairman and Committee, for your consideration of HB 2598.