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House Insurance Committee
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Chairman Vickrey and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments regarding Senate Bill 351.

My name is Dr. LuGina Mendez-Harper. I am a pharmacist with Prime Therapeutics and a proud graduate of the University of Kansas College of Pharmacy.

Prime Therapeutics is a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) owned by 17 not-for-profit Blue Cross Blue Shield plans including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBS-KS).

The amendments to Senate Bill 351 represent agreed upon language addressing consumers paying the lowest price for their medicines, the pharmacist's ability to discuss a patient's cost share and to sell a more affordable alternative.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you.