

Testimony for House Bill 2598  
House Insurance Committee  
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Chairman Vickery and Members of the Committee:

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

While I worked as a pharmacy intern at a retail pharmacy for 4 years I saw countless times when a customer's medication prices increased substantially within a months time and neither I nor my pharmacists could give them an explanation why. In our ever evolving healthcare system, customers deserve to know why they are paying the prices they are and causes of increase. If no one in our healthcare society is able to actually give an answer as to why our customers are paying more for their medications, then an injustice is occurring. With this bill requiring PBMs to be more transparent and providing quarterly reports, I feel the PBMs will be held accountable for their costs and fees and in turn create a more fair and honest pricing scale for our customers.

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.