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To the Assembly persons,

I am looking for your support in passing SB121/HB226. This is a very important healthcare bill. It is very complicated as it concerns PBM's or "Pharmacist Benefit Managers". PBM's are the entities that contract with both

insurance carriers and pharmacies.

Currently they are unregulated in our state. This bill would hold them accountable for transparency, it would allow equities in copays/coinsurance at local pharmacies and not push patients out of Alaska into their owned and operated companies.

I have a letter I am submitting to Representative Himschoot with a petition of signatures from our local community.

We have lost 25% of independent pharmacies in Alaska over the past 5 years. I am not sure if a resolution is necessary, but your support is. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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