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The Honorable Mike Crapo  
United States Senator  
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Crapo,

As Idahoans that are on the front lines of patient care or work to support critical aspects of America’s healthcare industry, we are writing today to express our sincere gratitude for your continued work to rein in pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and their practices that negatively impact Idahoan’s access to or ability to afford critical healthcare treatments.

We experience the impacts of the unfair practices of these huge, vertically integrated insurer middlemen every day. The three largest PBMs, ExpressScripts, OptumRx and CVS, have used their control over the prescription drug supply chain and the high cost of some medicines to line their own pockets with record-setting profits. In the process they have increased costs for patients, narrowed where Americans can choose to access their prescription medications and in turn pushed long trusted independent pharmacies across the country out of business.

As you know, reining in PBMs is critical to addressing patient costs at the pharmacy counter. We strongly support your leadership on the Senate Finance Committee and the PBM Framework which is now being considered by you and a bipartisan group of your Senate colleagues. If advanced favorably we are confident that the policies contained in this framework, in conjunction with those yet to be considered would reduce out-of-pocket costs and improve pharmacy access for patients.

Critical policies that the Senate Finance Committee has included in their discussion include having patients benefit from inherent cost savings from within pharmaceutical supply chain negotiations. Additionally, PBMs must not profit from the high cost of medications but instead operate from a transparent fee structure. PBMs should also be prevented from coercing patients toward pharmacies they own. Patients should have the option to use their own local pharmacies where they feel most comfortable.

We are deeply appreciative of your continued leadership on this critical issue and are encouraged by the strong bipartisan support for passing meaningful reforms to PBMs in Idaho and beyond. We look forward to you and your colleagues in the Senate working together to move swiftly on this critical issue.

Thank you for your tireless work on behalf of Idahoans and your commitment to reducing drug costs for patients and taxpayers through PBM reform.

Sincerely,

American Nurses Association Idaho  
Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Idaho Academy of Family Physicians  
Idaho Center for Nursing  
Idaho Medical Association  
Idaho Retailers Association

Idaho State Pharmacy Association  
Idaho Technology Council  
National Alliance on Mental Illness Idaho  
North Idaho Alliance of Care  
Nurse Leaders of Idaho  
Nurse Practitioners of Idaho