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Proponent Testimony on SB 284

Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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Julie Elder, DO

CEO, GraceMed Health Clinic

I have been a physician in community health for 13 years and am writing in strong support of the 340B program. The benefits it provides to our patients and communities cannot be overstated.

This program ensures that many of our patients can afford the prescriptions they need. Without it, countless individuals would go without essential medications—many of which are lifesaving.

One GraceMed patient shared, *"I am self-employed and working to grow my business. My prescriptions, especially the inhalers I rely on, are extremely expensive. The 340B program allows me to purchase them at an affordable price. Without it, I couldn't justify the cost, and I would have to go without necessary medications."*

Stories like this are common among our patients. The 340B program is vital in making healthcare accessible and sustainable for those who need it most.

Please continue to support legislation that protects this program and the patients who depend on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Elder, DO".

Julie Elder, DO, CEO