



Chairwoman Dietrich and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sloane Freeman, PharmD, and I am honored to be here today in strong support of Senate Bill 284. I am not only a rural Kansas pharmacist and pharmacy owner, but I also serve as the President of the Kansas Pharmacists Association and an advocate for rural healthcare access for Kansans.

Pharmacists play a vital role in ensuring that patients—especially those in underserved communities—have reliable access to affordable medications and essential healthcare services. For many of my patients, the 340B Drug Pricing Program is the difference between getting the medication they need or going without it. It allows rural hospitals and community pharmacies to continue serving patients despite the financial challenges of uncompensated care, low reimbursement rates, and rising operational costs. Without this program, many of the healthcare providers in our communities—including pharmacies like mine—would struggle to keep their doors open.

The Kansas Pharmacists Association proudly supports this bill because we stand with our local hospitals, rural healthcare providers, and community pharmacies that rely on 340B savings to care for Kansans. SB 284 ensures that drug manufacturers cannot impose unfair restrictions that undermine the 340B program, jeopardizing patient care and forcing unnecessary closures of hospitals and pharmacies.

Many other states have already taken action to protect their 340B programs, recognizing the vital role they play in sustaining local healthcare. We hope Kansas will follow suit and stand with its rural hospitals, independent pharmacies, and the patients who rely on them. By supporting this bill, this committee has the opportunity to stand up for Kansas patients, protect rural healthcare, and prevent corporate overreach that threatens community access to life-saving medications.

I urge you to pass Senate Bill 284 to protect our hospitals, pharmacies, and—most importantly—the patients who depend on them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sloane Freeman, PharmD
Kansas Pharmacists Association President