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HB25-1222 Preserving Access to Rural Independent Pharmacies

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Virginia Gebhart For Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care	<p>As a retired pharmacist who grew up in a very small town in SD, I really appreciate this bill. As you know, small town pharmacies are an important mainstay of Main Street. These pharmacists and independent small business owners are the most accessible health care professional in the community. They are literally invested in their communities.</p> <p>This bill stops some of the immoral and abusive business practices of PBMs. Through expanding telepharmacy and creating flexpharmacy practices, some of these independent pharmacies can expand their reach and services to a wider region. This will allow these tenacious and brilliant pharmacists to serve the community and make a decent living, a fitting reward for their hard work.</p> <p>Please vote yes to pass this bill which will help lift up pharmacists and Main Street so they can keep serving their communities.</p>