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“When you have a group that ... injects itself into this drug supply chain that **doesn't innovate, does not do anything in research and development, and extracts billions and billions and hundreds of billions of dollars**, it's hard to say how those are lowering drug costs unless there's some transparency.”

**Massachusetts State Representative John Lawn**

“PBMs have been allowed to rob patients, small businesses, and taxpayers blind for decades. As a pharmacist, I've seen firsthand how patients have been forced to stay sick and forgo medication due to the broken process.”

**Georgia Congressman Buddy Carter**

“For years, drug pricing middlemen like pharmacy benefit managers have been engaging in practices that are **driving up the cost of prescription drugs and clobbering American families at the pharmacy counter.**”

**Oregon Congressman Ron Wyden**

“For too long, middlemen have taken advantage of misaligned incentives in the pharmaceutical supply chain at the expense of taxpayers and seniors. **We need to put patients before the profits of Pharmacy Benefit Managers.**”

**Tennessee Congressman Marsha Blackburn**

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“Because of my experience with patients and PBMs, I’m aware of the tremendous opportunities available to lower out of pocket costs at the pharmacy and the need for policymakers to reform the broken prescription drug rebate system to **benefit patients and not the shareholders and executives of PBMs.**”

*Dr. Gina Warren, PharmD, CEO of Neighborhood Wellness Foundation*

“Chronic disease patients have suffered long enough at the mercy of PBMs. It’s the responsibility of lawmakers to **enforce accountability and put an end to the unfair practices that hinder access to essential treatments.**”

*Scott Suckow, Chronic Disease Patient Advocate*

“Instead of lowering the cost for patients at the pharmacy counter, the current prescription drug rebate system simply **puts money into the pockets of insurance companies and their pharmacy middlemen.**”

*Colleen Henderson, Rare Disease Patient Advocate*

“Instead of the savings helping patients pay for their medications or improve care, PBMs keep rebates to the tune of billions of dollars each year. **PBMs claim that this system helps prevent further increases in health insurance premiums, but peer-reviewed studies have shown this not to be true.**”

*Dr. Shane Desselle, RPh, PhD, Touro University College of Pharmacy*

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