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Open Letter to the 118th Congress: Thank You for Fighting for PBM Reform



To the Members of Congress Who Fought for PBM Reform Legislation,

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you did on behalf of our patients and our pharmacies.

Thank you for taking our calls, reading our emails, considering our requests for support and sponsorship, and in many cases, <u>choosing to support our cause</u>. (But even if you didn't support our cause, thank you for at least considering it).

Thank you for visiting our pharmacies and meeting with our patients and our staff members.

Thank you for taking the time to work through the outright lies, propaganda and multi-million dollar promotional campaigns of the PBM opposition and their Fortune 10 insurer parent corporations. Additionally, thank you for taking the time to meet with opposition lobbyists, lawyers, and C-suite executives so that you could see and hear for yourself what they have to say for how they've handled the hundreds of billions of dollars consumers and payers have entrusted them with to pay (or in many cases, delay to pay) for treatment and medications.

Thank you for challenging your Congressional colleagues who failed to see what you see, what we see, and what tens of millions of Americans see every day: that publicly-traded, vertically integrated mega corporations have demonstrated they can't be trusted to provide the care they promised the public, that their first allegiance is to shareholders and their own profit motives.

While we are disappointed by the spectacular implosion of the CR this week - and we know you are too - we remain every bit as committed to seeing the fight for meaningful PBM reform through to the end. We will not be stopped, and we look forward to working with you again in 2025.

 Monique Whitney. Executive Director, Deborah Keaveny, President, Lauren Young, Vice President & the PUTT Board of Directors

A Heartfelt THANK YOU



As we close the curtain on 2024 and the Biden Administration, we want to ensure a resounding standing ovation is heard far and wide for the efforts of FTC Chair Lina Khan and US Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter. Their indomitable combination of antitrust law knowledge and fight-for-the-little-guy determination has been the driving force behind getting PBM antitrust violations front and center in the eyes of Congress and the American public.

From all of us at PUTT and independent pharmacies everywhere, Thank You Chair Khan and AAG Kanter, for your absolute support of small business pharmacies and their patients!

PUTT IN THE NEWS



Independent Pharmacies | APCI | Lauren Young, PUTT Board VP



Pharmacy Deserts | Critical Mention

Fox News 9 Minnesota | Deborah Keaveny, PUTT Board President

Prescription middlemen don't keep costs down | Duluth News Tribune | Author: Deborah Keaveny, PUTT Board President

Harshbarger Helps Introduce Legislation To Eliminate PBM Monopoly_On Pharmaceutical Delivery Chain | WGRV News | Quoted: Monique Whitney, PUTT Executive Director

APCI Hosts Congressional Leaders, Expert Panel for Robust Bipartisan Discussion on the Pharmacists Fight Back Act and the Importance of Empowering Independent Pharmacies | Eastern Progress | Quoted: Monique Whitney, PUTT Executive Director

PUTT Board Member Takes Down PBMs | Arizona Daily Mix | Interviewed: Teresa Dickinson, PUTT Board Member (start the video at 3:18)

DOCUMENTARIES TO WATCH

Overturned | HEALTH CARE uncovered

• Modern Medical Mafia | Patient Protector

NEWS YOU CAN SHARE

Senators, Representatives Introduce Bill That Would Ban Joint Ownership of <u>PBMs and Pharmacies</u> | MedCity News

House Republicans launch investigation into CVS Caremark for potential antitrust violations | The Hill

Giant Companies Took Secret Payments to Allow Free Flow of Opioids | The New York Times

Al versus Al: The emerging arms race over health insurance denials | STAT News

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