February XX, 2022

Hon. David W. Osborne

Speaker

House of Representatives

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Mr. Speaker,

On behalf of the (Organization Name), I am writing to convey our concerns regarding House Bill 457, legislation introduced by Rep. Steve Sheldon related to pharmacy benefit management.

One of the largest challenges Kentucky employers and communities face today is maintaining a qualified workforce. As you know, affordable healthcare coverage is an essential workforce recruitment and retainment tool. HB 457 as introduced will remove the ability for insurers and employers to utilize important strategies that allow them to control the rising costs of prescription drugs. These methods are critical in keeping out of pocket costs and premiums affordable for Kentuckians. Mandates placed on employee benefits restrict insurers and employer’s ability to control costs, inevitably exacerbating the already troubling workforce crisis.

Please oppose HB 457 and other healthcare mandates that will remove the ability for organizations to partner with insurers and harness collective market power to provide affordable employer-sponsored healthcare coverage to Kentuckians. The legislation will directly impact our clients and many individuals and businesses across the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. If you would like to learn more about our position, we look forward to the opportunity to discuss our concerns and working with you on all issues important to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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C: Kentucky House Majority Leadership

 Hon. Steve Sheldon

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