The Honorable Maria Cantwell Chair U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 511 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 2051
Dear Chair Cantwell and Senator Grassley:

The undersigned organizations are writing today in support of S. 4293, the *Pharmacy Benefit Manager Transparency Act of 2022*, which would require greater transparency when pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) contract with plans sponsors/employers and provide the Federal Trade Commission with greater enforcement authority to prohibit unfair or deceptive business practices in which pharmacy benefit manager-insurers engage in the commercial health insurance market.

America's pharmacies and the patients they serve have long had concerns about PBM-insurers, their anticompetitive practices, and the role they play in ever-increasing drug costs. We appreciate the longstanding efforts of Chair Cantwell and Senator Grassley to address these practices and the negative impact they have on patients and the pharmacies that serve them.

We applaud the recent efforts of the Commerce Committee to advance S. 4293 on a bipartisan basis as this legislation would bring needed transparency to and ultimately stop PBM-insurers' unjust and deceptive practices, especially as the three largest PBM-insurers now control at least 80 percent of the market. We hope the full Senate will soon take up this legislation to empower the FTC to bring enforcement actions against the consolidated PBM-insurer industry and their anticompetitive practices, including spread pricing and clawbacks.

Our organizations strongly support passage of the *Pharmacy Benefit Manager Transparency Act of 2022* and urge Senate leadership to quickly advance the legislation. We would like to thank Chair Cantwell and Senator Grassley for your leadership in addressing this issue, and we look forward to working with you to get this legislation across the finish line during this Congress.

Sincerely,

AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Alabama Grocers Association
Alabama Pharmacy Association
Alaska Pharmacists Association
Albertsons Companies
Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding
AlliantRx
AMAC Action

Amber Specialty Pharmacy

American Economic Liberties Project

American Pharmacies

American Pharmacists Association

American Pharmacy Cooperative, Inc.

American Pharmacy Services Corporation

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)

Arizona Pharmacy Association

Arkansas Pharmacists Association

Aspire Health Pharmacy Services

Associated Food Stores, Inc.

AuBurn Pharmacies

B&R Stores, Inc.

Balls Food Stores Inc.

Beachler's Pharmacy

Big Y Foods

Brookshire Brothers, Inc.

Brookshire Grocery Co.

California Pharmacists Association

CARE Pharmacies Cooperative, Inc.

Carlie C's Pharmacy

Coalition for PBM Reform

Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations

Coborn's, Inc.

Colorado Pharmacists Society

Community Oncology Alliance

Compliant Pharmacy Alliance Cooperative

Connecticut Food Association

Connecticut Pharmacists Association

Crary Drug

Dakota Drug, Inc.

Davis-Burkett Food Corp.

Delaware Association of Chain Drug Stores

Delaware Food Industry Council

Delaware Pharmacists Society

Discount Drug Mart

Epic Pharmacies

Federation of Pharmacy Networks

Florida Independent Pharmacy Network

Florida Pharmacy Association

FMI – The Food Industry Association

Food Industry Alliance of New York State

Food Lion

Free2Care

Freeburg Country Mart Pharmacy

Fruth Pharmacy

Gahm's Pharmacy, Inc.

Garden State Pharmacy Owners

Georgia Food Industry Association

Georgia Pharmacy Association

Gerimed

Giant Eagle, Inc.

Giant Food

Global Healthy Living Foundation

Good Neighbor Pharmacy / Elevate Provider Network

GRX Holdings, LLC

HAC, Inc.

Hannaford

Harmons Grocery

Harps Food Stores, Inc.

Hartig Drug Company

Hawaii Pharmacists Association

Healthcare Distribution Alliance

H-E-B Grocery Company

Hometown Markets, Inc.

Hometown Pharmacies of Wisconsin

HomeTown Pharmacy, Inc.

Hoover Drugs

HOPA

Hy-Vee, Inc.

Idaho Retailers Association

Idaho State Pharmacy Association

Illinois Pharmacists Association

Independent Pharmacy Alliance

Independent Pharmacy Cooperative

Indiana Pharmacists Association

Indiana Retail Council

Ingles Markets, Inc.

Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Iowa Pharmacy Association

Kansas Pharmacists Association

Kennie's Market, Inc.

Kentucky Grocers & Convenience Store Association

Kentucky Independent Pharmacist Alliance

Kentucky Pharmacists Association

Kentucky Retail Federation

Keystone Pharmacy Purchasing Alliance

Klein's ShopRite Pharmacies of Maryland

KVAT Food Stores Inc.

Lewis Drug

Life Pharmacy

Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association

Louisiana Pharmacists Association

Louisiana Retailers Association

Louisiana Wholesale Drug Co., Inc.

Maine Pharmacy Association

Maryland Pharmacists Association

Maryland Retailers Association

Massachusetts Food Association

Massachusetts Independent Pharmacies Association

Massachusetts Pharmacists Association

McKesson/Health Mart

Meijer Inc.

Michigan Pharmacists Association

Midtown Pharmacy

Minnesota Grocers Association

Minnesota Pharmacists Association

Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association

Mississippi Pharmacists Association

Missouri Grocers Association

Missouri Pharmacy Association

Montana Pharmacy Association

Morris & Dickson Co., L.L.C.

Mutual Drug

National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

National Association of Chain Drug Stores

National Community Pharmacists Association

National Consumers League

National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

National Grange

National Grocers Association

National Rural Health Association

ND Pharmacists Association

ND Pharmacy Services Corporation

Nebraska Grocery Industry Association

Nebraska Pharmacists Association

Nevada Pharmacy Alliance

New Athens Pharmacy

New Hampshire Grocers Association

New Hampshire Pharmacists Association

New Jersey Pharmacists Association

New Mexico Pharmacists Association

New Mexico Pharmacy Business Council

North Carolina Association of Pharmacists

Ohio Grocers Association

Ohio Pharmacists Association

Oklahoma Grocers Association

Oklahoma Pharmacists Association

Omega Pharmacy Group

Oregon State Pharmacy Association

Osborn Drugs, Inc.

Pace Alliance

PARD, an Association of Community Pharmacies

PBA Health

PBM Accountability Project

PCCA

Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Pharmacist Society of the State of New York

Pharmacy Owners Alliance

Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin

Pharmacy Providers of Oklahoma (PPOK)

PPSC

Price Chopper/Market 32 Supermarkets

Puckett Discount Pharmacy

Pure Health Pharmacy

QualityCare Pharmacies

Queen-Morris Ventures, LLC

Restore Rx Specialty Pharmacy, Inc

Retail Grocers Association of Missouri & Kansas

Rhode Island Pharmacists Association

Riesbeck Food Markets, Inc.

Roger's Foodland

Roziers Country Mart Pharmacy

Sav-Mor Pharmacy Services

ShopRite of Hunterdon County, Inc.

Smithton Pharmacy

South Carolina Pharmacy Association

South Dakota Pharmacists Association

Southeastern Grocers

SpartanNash

Stop & Shop

Tennessee Grocers & Convenience Store Association

Tennessee Pharmacists Association

Texas Pharmacy Association

Texas Pharmacy Business Council

The AIDS Institute

The GIANT Company

The Kroger Co.

Thrifty White

Utah Food Industry Association

Utah Pharmacy Association

Utah Retail Merchants Association

Value Drug Company

Value Specialty Pharmacy, LLC

Vermont Pharmacists Association

Virginia Pharmacists Association

VMC Pharmacy Program and Buying Group

Wakefern Food Corp.

Washington DC Pharmacy Association

Washington Food Industry Association

Washington State Pharmacy Association

Wegmans Food Markets
Weis Markets, Inc.
West Virginia Independent Pharmacy Association
West Virginia Pharmacists Association
Westland Maple Drugs
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wyoming Pharmacy Association

Cc: The Honorable Charles Schumer, Senate Majority Leader The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader