

February 21, 2020

Honorable Senator Patrick Testin 131 South, State Capitol Madison, WI 53703

Re: Please Vote Yes to Concur - AB 114

Dear Senator Testin:

On behalf of the Alliance for Transparent and Affordable Prescriptions (ATAP), a coalition of twenty-seven (27) patient and provider organizations advocating for reforms to the prescription drug supply chain, I am writing to express our support for AB 114, a bill that seeks to ensure Wisconsin patients do not pay any more than they must for their prescription medications by increasing transparency and accountability for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). To that end, ATAP respectfully requests that you support the bill.

As you are aware, PBMs have a significant impact on patients and their ability to obtain the medications they need in a timely and affordable manner, and yet very little is known about their role. AB 114 is an important first step towards lifting the veil of secrecy from the complex and opaque PBM industry and bringing about a more transparent, patient-centered drug delivery system in Wisconsin.

Increased transparency and appropriate oversight in how manufacturers, PBMs and insurers determine the price and cost of drugs is necessary in order to be able to reduce costs for patients and improve access to treatments.

As such, AB 114 will provide added accountability for PBMs operating in Wisconsin and will go a long way in bringing about a level of transparency to the PBM industry. ATAP therefore strongly urges you to support this bi-partisan measure that passed the House unanimously as amended.

Should you have any questions, please contact Heather.Kazmark@naylor.com or (847) 264-5930. Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Levin, MD President, ATAP