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Hello Bianca,

My name is Dedi Little, I am the Director of Government Affairs for the Washington State Pharmacy Association.

5ESSB 5857 is a bill that I have been working on for the last two years. In fact, Senators Parlette and Conway and Representative Cody and I have been working this issue for well over a decade.

It was a hard fight but we managed to get pharmacy benefit manager (PBMs) registration and some oversight of these guys over to the OIC. We have always felt the OIC is the most appropriate agency to oversee PBMs.

I see the OIC has filed the CR 101 – Insurance Commissioner Matter NO. R 2016-07.

We will be submitting comments in support of the rulemaking effort. The bill's implementation is staggered and it requires a study of the chain supply and I hear interim work is on the horizon. Could you please add me to all communications the OIC plans to put out as things start moving regarding the study and the rulemaking. I want to make sure we are present.

I would like to come meet with you if you have time. I can share with you a little history of the issue and what we are trying to accomplish via 5ESSB 5857. Many states are attempting to do what WA did. There is also a national effort and I have been working with my national folks, the National Community Pharmacy Association (NCPA.). They are a great resource we can utilize if the department needs information.

I understand pharmacy benefit managers are new to the OIC. They are not new to the pharmacy industry (they have been around for over 25 years.) I believe we can be a great resource to help the agency better understand pharmacy benefit managers, their role in the health care drug delivery system and their role with insurance companies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great day,
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