

## **SAMPLE LETTER TO CONGRESS**

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Dear Honorable Denny Rehberg:

On behalf of [**Name of Pharmacy**], a retail pharmacy with [**Number of Stores**] in your [**district/state**], I urge you to cosponsor the **Fair Medicaid Drug Payment Act H.R. 3700** and work for its enactment this year. The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 severely hurt community pharmacies by setting an unreasonable reimbursement formula known as “AMP” or average manufacturer price. The cuts that will result from the “AMP” system will force thousands of local pharmacies to curtail services, reduce hours, or close their doors altogether. This legislation will help make sure millions of low-income Americans continue to have access to prescription drugs and pharmacy services in the Medicaid program.

Under “AMP”, reimbursement for generic drugs will be reduced by billions of dollars. In fact, these cuts represent a 78% reduction in reimbursement and will mean pharmacies are paid significantly less than our costs of purchasing generic drugs. As a result, the leading expert in pharmacy economics recently submitted a report in federal court stating that these cuts will force 10,000 to 12,000 pharmacies out of business over the next few years. In addition, both the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General have found that the AMP system will pay us less than our costs for most generic drugs. No business can stay afloat by providing services at a loss.

This is an urgent issue. It is critical that Congress pass The Fair Medicaid Drug Payment Act (H.R. 3700 and S. 1951) this year to help alleviate these devastating Medicaid reimbursement cuts. I ask you to act immediately by cosponsoring this bill and working for its enactment. I look forward to your response, and I thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,