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NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE AND FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY TITLE NUMBER: 15

CITE AUTHORITY: WV CODE SECTION 30-5-1 [SB 722 (2008 REGULAR SESSION)]

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES x NO ____

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: ~~15-1-2 AND 15-1-20~~ 13

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: ~~Definitions and Duties and Responsibilities of Pharmacist-in-Charge~~
Regulations of Charitable Pharmacies

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 15-13-1, et seq.

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.

David E. Potters
Authorized Signature

State of West Virginia
Board of Pharmacy

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APPROVAL OF FILING OF REGULATIONS

BE IT HEREBY KNOWN that the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy approves the filing of the following proposed regulations with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Rulemaking and Review Committee:

(1) Electronic Prescribing (per SB 1001, 2007 1st Special Session);
(2) Pharmacist Administration of Immunizations (per HB 3056, 2008 Regular Session); and
(3) Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies (per SB 722, 2008 Regular Session).

This approval was granted by the Board at its regular meeting on July 14, 2008, wherein the Board reviewed drafts of the proposed regulations, and authorized our Executive Director and General Counsel, David E. Potters, to respond to any public comments properly received. In authorizing Mr. Potters to respond to the public comments, the Board further authorized him to make modifications or amendments to the proposed regulations as were appropriate in accordance with the goals and direction given by the Board in drafting these rules.

Signed this 29th day of August, 2008,

BY: George Karos
George Karos, President

QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule: Notice of Public Hearing or Comment Period; Proposed Rule, and if needed, Emergency and Modified Rule.)

DATE: August 29. 2008

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: (*Agency Name, Address & Phone No.*) WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
232 CAPITOL STREET
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25301

304-558-0558

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: REGULATION OF CHARITABLE CLINIC PHARMACIES
(PART OF TITLE 15)

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation WV CODE SECTION 30-5-1(SB 722, 2008 REGULAR SESSION)

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public Comment Period:

July 30, 2008--Public Comment Period

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?

N/A

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) ***or*** Public Comment Period ended:

August 29, 2008

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments received, amendments, reasons for amendments.

Attached X No comments received _____

e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing: (be exact)

August 29, 2008

f. **Name, title, address and <u>phone/fax/e-mail numbers</u>** of agency person(s) to receive all *written correspondence* regarding this rule: (Please type)

David E. Potters
Executive Director and General Counsel
232 Capitol Street

Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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g. **<u>IF DIFFERENT</u> FROM ITEM 'f'**, please give **Name, title, address and phone number(s)** of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)

N/A

3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

N/A

b. Date of hearing or comment period:

N/A

c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

N/A

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached N/A

BRIEF SUMMARY OF AND STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE

Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

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Summary and Statement of Circumstances: SB 722, passed during the Regular Session, 2008, and duly enacted into law, provides that the Board of Pharmacy has jurisdiction over pharmacies in charitable (or free) clinics in this State, and provides for those pharmacies to be regulated in a new, special class called "charitable clinic pharmacies". SB 722 contains a directive to the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules to provide for the regulation of such pharmacies, allowing the charitable clinic pharmacies to continue operating without any licensure until such rules are enacted to implement and enforce the provisions of SB 722. Therefore, in accordance with the directive set forth by the Legislature, the purpose of this rule is to revise existing rules governing requirements of a pharmacist-in-charge and operation of pharmacies which fall within the classification of a "charitable clinic pharmacy," to provide guidance and regulation as to the receipt of sample drugs by such pharmacies, and to otherwise provide for the regulation of these pharmacies in this new category, all in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare with regard to prescriptions filled and dispensed to patients of the charitable clinic pharmacies.

For Further Information: Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained from the website of the West Virginia Secretary of State at www.wvsos.com, or interested parties may call the Administrative Law Division of the Office of the Secretary of State at (304) 558-6000.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, David E. Potters, Executive Director and General Counsel, 232 Capitol Street, Charleston, West Virginia, 25301, telephone (304) 558-0558.

Note: Strike-throughs in the proposed rule indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added, including proposed new Sections 15-13-1, 3t seq.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: 15-13-1 et seq. Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

Type of Rule: [X] Legislative [ ] Interpretive [ ] Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Address: 232 Capitol Street. Charleston. West Virginia 25301

Phone Number: (304) 558-0558 Email: dpotters@wvbop.com

Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

The Board of Pharmacy will have to process and issue licenses for Charitable Clinic Pharmacies, and will have to expend time and costs to conduct regular required inspections. However, the Board shall not charge any fee for the licensure of these charitable clinic pharmacies. Thus, this will have a negative impact on the Board's budget. Nonetheless, this is a very important issue for the protection of patients of these pharmacies, and to assist these pharmacies in providing services to their patients.

Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Personal Services			
Current Expenses			
Repairs & Alterations			
Assets			
Other			
2. Estimated Total Revenues	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00

Rule Title:

3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):
Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

The Board estimates that there are approximately 15 to 20 readily identifiable charitable clinic pharmacies in the State that will desire to continue to operate as pharmacies. Ten of those are members of the West Virginia Free Clinic Association. There are numerous others around the State that are not members of the Association. The Board of Pharmacy will have to process and issue licenses for pharmacie to continue to operate, including future renewals. This includes costs of providing applications (in other than electronic format), time for Board employees to process applications, costs of producing and mailing certificates, and costs of producing and mailing notices for renewals. SB 722 prohibits the Board from charging any licensing fee of the charitable clinic pharmacies, due to the relatively tight budgets on which they operate and the "indigent" patients they serve at no charge. Thus, while the Board of Pharmacy will realize costs, it will also be providing for the minimum patient health safety and welfare standards of these pharmacies, much the same as is required of any other pharmacy in this State.

MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule **would not** have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues **not** captured elsewhere on this form.

Date: July 31, 2008

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

David E. Potters

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August 29, 2008

Legislative Rule-Making and Review Committee
Room MB 47
West Virginia State Capitol

Re: Proposed Regulations for Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

Dear Committee Members and Staff,

The Board of Pharmacy has worked diligently to file its proposed rules, comments, responses, and other required documents with the Secretary of State and your Committee as required by law. The comment period ended today at 3:00. The Board has received voluminous comments (with all required copies for filing, totaling over 16 boxes). Unfortunately, Pat White of the West Virginia Free Clinic Association hand-delivered at least two hundred further comments at 2:55 p.m., while, at the same time, a faxed comment from the WVAFC's counsel with 26 pages of comments was received. It appears that the comments submitted by Ms. White contain duplicate copies within the batch received, and copies of comments received prior. As such, while it does not appear that these new or duplicate comments contain any new suggestions that have not already been considered, the Board requests the LRMRC to accept the filing of the comments and responses prepared by the Board at this time, and allow the Board an extension to address the final comments delivered by Ms. White and counsel for the WVAFC.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

David E. Potters

David E. Potters
Executive Director and General Counsel

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TITLE 15
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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SERIES 13
BOARD OF PHARMACY RULES
Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

§15-13-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- To establish rules for charitable clinic pharmacies to operate in West Virginia to prepare and dispense prescriptions to patients of the clinics in this State.

1.2. Authority. -- These regulations are promulgated in accordance with the authority granted by Senate Bill 722 passed during the 2008 Regular Legislative Session and enacted into law, which amended certain sections of the West Virginia Code, at §30-5-1, et seq., providing for oversight and regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies..

1.3. Filing Date. -- July 30, 2008.

1.4. Effective Date. -- _____.

1.5 PREAMBLE: The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy exists to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through, among other things, the regulation of pharmacies, pharmacists, technicians, drug distributors, and places that stock controlled substances. The Board also enforces requirements established by the FDA, USP, DEA, EPA, and the CPSC for the storage, delivery, dispensing, and destruction of drugs and construction of sterile preparation areas and nuclear pharmacy facilities within this State.

Under the auspices of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the West Virginia Legislature created a system of Basic Public Health Services as defined and set forth in W.Va. Code § 16-1-1 et seq. Pursuant to its commitment to the citizens of its state, the West Virginia Legislature, acting through of WV Department of Health and Human Resources, created the Primary Care Support Program pursuant to W.Va. Code § 16-2-H-1 et seq. The Primary Care Support Program has been and continues to be instrumental in providing basic medical and dental services to West Virginia residents that do not have sufficient access. As such, there are numerous facilities in West Virginia which operate tax exempt free clinics and free clinic pharmacies to provide free medical care and drug therapies to their clients. The Board of Pharmacy requirements for the practice of pharmacy, including, but not limited to, sanitary practices, proper storage and handling of drugs, counseling, and providing correct treatment as prescribed are essential to ensure proper therapeutic outcomes which involve pharmaceutical care. These requirements can only be accomplished by the presence of a properly licensed and trained pharmacist to oversee the delivery of the pharmaceutical care provided. After receiving the direct input and advice of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, the West Virginia Legislature

determined that the role of the nonprofit, community-based free health and dental clinics of providing no cost drug therapies to its patients, needed to be formally recognized and made part of the regulatory framework of the State of West Virginia. Accordingly, the West Virginia Legislature created a new designation within the regulatory framework already existing for pharmacies, the "Charitable Clinic Pharmacies", to continue the delivery of drug therapies to those citizens who meet the requirements of the Primary Care Support Program and to receive free medical and dental services under guidelines established and enforced by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Such Charitable Clinic Pharmacies were created pursuant the enactment of Senate Bill No. 722, which passed the West Virginia Legislature on March 8, 2008.

It is in the interest of both the charitable clinic pharmacies and their clients to provide those clients the same minimum protection afforded all other citizens of West Virginia as required by the statutes and regulations applicable to the practice of pharmacy in this State. The Board of Pharmacy recognizes that the charitable clinics and their pharmacies operate on limited grant funding along with donations from many professionals and suppliers of materials, time, and monetary support. Therefore, necessarily, they operate on tightly controlled and limited budgets.

As such, given the unique nature of the free clinics and the valuable service they provide to the community, these regulations applicable to charitable clinic pharmacies are designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public while relieving the clinics from, due to the limited nature of their practice of pharmacy, certain unnecessary regulatory burdens. Providing these limited exemptions, the Board of Pharmacy believes, will not infringe on safe-guarding the pharmaceutical care provided to the clients of the free clinics, and will allow the clinics the necessary leeway to provide safe and effective care on their limited resources.

§15-13-2. Definitions.

2.1. The following terms and phrases as used in this Rule shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

2.1.1. "Charitable clinic pharmacy" means a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation that offers pharmaceutical care and dispenses prescriptions free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified patients. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall meet the minimum standards for a pharmacy as set forth in this article and by legislative rule promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy, but may not be charged any applicable licensing fees. A charitable clinic pharmacy may have pharmacists-in-charge, as that term is defined in this section, who volunteers his or her services. A charitable clinic may also receive donated drugs. It is not the intent of this regulation to affect any organizations which are merely operating a prescribing practitioner's or clinic free sample drug room.

2.1.2. "Charitable organization" means an organization which operates a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation which is qualified as a charitable organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or its successor.

2.1.3. "Legend drug sample" for purposes of this Series means an unopened package of a manufacturers legend drug product that has been distributed to either a

practitioner or the charitable clinic pharmacy in accordance with the provisions of the Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq. or its successor.

2.1.4. "Qualified patient" means a patient of the charitable clinic pharmacy that has been screened and approved by the charitable organization as meeting the organization's mission of providing pharmaceutical care to those who are without sufficient funds to obtain needed legend drugs.

Section §15-13-3. Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Permit Required.

3.1. A charitable clinic pharmacy is considered to be a pharmacy and must follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein. As such, a charitable clinic pharmacy permit shall be required for a charitable organization to operate a pharmacy in this State to dispense prescription drugs to qualified patients in this State. No fee shall be required to apply for or obtain the permit.

3.2. Permits obtained pursuant to this section shall expire on June 30 of each calendar year. Renewal will be conducted in accordance with the laws and rules for renewing pharmacy permits as outlined in this Title.

3.3. Charitable Clinic Pharmacies may petition the Board for exemptions from portions of the regulations set forth in Title 15 which are not addressed here on a case by case basis, including, but not limited to, for such things as the requirement for weights and measures if no compounding is to be done, the requirement for separate security features and alarms if they are available on the clinic building as a whole, and other such requirements.

§15-13-4. Controlled Substances Restricted; Prescriptions to qualified patients.

4.1. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall not purchase, possess, trade, distribute, or dispense controlled substances.

4.2. Patient Dispensing. Prescriptions filled in a charitable clinic pharmacy may only be dispensed to qualified patients of that pharmacy on lawful orders or prescriptions of practitioners authorized by law to prescribe or administer said drugs.

4.2.1. All prescriptions filled by the charitable clinic pharmacy must be checked by a pharmacist or a prescribing practitioner prior to being dispensed.

4.2.2. Any other rule notwithstanding, a prescribing practitioner who is licensed as a dispensing physician or other such designation by his or her licensing board may access the charitable clinic pharmacy to fill, check, or dispense prescriptions when no pharmacist is present, Provided That he or she insures proper labeling and documentation of the dispensing. In the absence of a pharmacist, such a practitioner may also supervise the work of pharmacy technicians within the pharmacy.

4.2.3. Any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist or prescribing practitioner who is licensed as a dispensing physician or other such designation by his or her licensing board present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1 above.

4.3. The charitable clinic pharmacy shall not charge any fee for the dispensing of prescription drug samples or prescription legend drugs to qualified patients of the charitable clinic pharmacy.
4.4. Strict screening guidelines based on needs assessment shall be developed by the charitable clinic pharmacy to determine who is eligible as a qualified patient. This may be accomplished in conjunction with the clinic itself, and documented through a patient medical record shared between the charitable clinic pharmacy and the clinic itself.
4.5. All screening guidelines, needs assessments, and revisions shall be submitted to the Board upon request.
4.6. Charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from the restrictions in Section 15-1.19.10 insofar as the charitable clinic pharmacy may provide prescription blanks imprinted with its name for prescribers working in the clinic to write prescriptions to be filled at the charitable clinic pharmacy.

§15-13-5. Prescription Drug Samples.

5.1. Except insofar as it may conflict with federal law, charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from any State law or rule which restricts who may receive sample drugs from a manufacturer. Specifically, unless it conflicts with federal law, a charitable clinic pharmacy may accept donated prescription drugs in their unbroken original packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers, or manufacturers provided appropriate records of transfer, donation, and receipt are maintained; Provided That the samples have been stored under the proper conditions required by the manufacturer and applicable law to prevent deterioration or contamination. However, a charitable clinic pharmacy shall only receive, possess, and dispense prescription drug samples if the following conditions are satisfied:
(a) The samples are dispensed at no charge to qualified patients of that charitable clinic pharmacy;
(b) The samples are possessed in compliance with the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq, or its successor;
(c) The samples are in the original container in which they were placed by the manufacturer and the container is clearly marked sample;
(d) Prior to being furnished or dispensed, the samples have been stored under the proper conditions to prevent deterioration or contamination;
(e) The samples are clearly marked with an expiration date and lot number;
(f) The samples are not expired; and
(g) The samples are not a controlled substance.
5.2. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall not sell, purchase, or trade prescription drug samples.
5.3. Dispensing A Sample Drug By A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall comply with the following:
5.3.1. A pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy must have a valid prescription prior to dispensing a sample drug to a patient.
5.3.2. The charitable clinic pharmacy must determine the eligibility requirements for a patient to receive a sample drug.
5.3.3. The sample drug is dispensed to the patient free of charge.

5.3.4. The sample drug is dispensed:
(a) In the original container in which it was placed by its manufacturer where the container is clearly marked as sample: or
(b) By removing the sample drug from the original container only if the prescription label on the appropriate container, pursuant to rule 4729-9-02 of the Administrative Code, clearly states that the drug dispensed is a sample drug.

§15-13-6. Pharmacist-In-Charge Responsibilities.
6.1. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall be responsible for implementing policies and procedures and a quality assurance program for operation of the charitable clinic pharmacy.
6.2. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall ensure through implementation of policies and procedures that the following occurs at the charitable clinic pharmacy:
(a) donated drugs dispensed from pharmacy are properly labeled;
(b) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required are not dispensed to patients;
(c) donated drugs are inspected prior to dispensing to determine that the donated drugs meet all federal and state requirements for product integrity;
(d) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions are destroyed, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required; and
(e) manifests for donated drugs that are dispensed or destroyed are created or maintained at the charitable clinic pharmacy for two (2) years from the date of destruction.
(f) dispensing errors are documented and reported monthly to the Board.

§15-13-7. Limitations of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

5.2 All drug therapies and prescriptions shall be prescribed on an individual basis.
5.3 A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall not accept lost identity or unknown drugs.
5.4 No misbranded drugs shall be accepted by the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy.
5.5 A Charitable Pharmacy may accept donated and unadulterated prescription drugs in their unbroken original manufacturer packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers or manufacturers, the State of West Virginia, the Board of Pharmacy or by other means, provided appropriate records of receipt are maintained.

§15-13-8. Continuing Education Credits for Volunteering in Charitable Clinic Pharmacy
7.1. A pharmacists who volunteers as a pharmacist-in-charge or a staff pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy may earn up to a maximum of six live continuing education credits for such activities. For every eight hours worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as the PIC, the PIC may earn one hour of live continuing education credit. For every ten hours worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as a staff pharmacist, the pharmacist may earn one hour of live continuing education credit.

15-13-9 Inspection and Investigation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

9.1 The Board of Pharmacy shall create and implement the use of an Inspection Form which is consistent with the requirements under which a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall operate as contemplated by W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b and established by S.B. 722.

9.2 Upon receipt of the completed inspection form, the Board of Pharmacy and any appointed Quality Control Committee or other such body of the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy my meet and confer to address and resolve issues which may impact the health and safety of the pharmacy's patients. To the extent necessary, corrective plans may result from such meeting(s) with timeframes established by the Board of Pharmacy for the resolution of Quality control measures.

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TITLE 15
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SERIES 13
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4.2.2. Any other rule notwithstanding, a prescribing practitioner who is licensed as a dispensing physician or other such designation by his or her licensing board may access the charitable clinic pharmacy to fill, check, or dispense prescriptions when no pharmacist is present, Provided That he or she insures proper labeling and documentation of the dispensing. In the absence of a pharmacist, such a practitioner may also supervise the work of pharmacy technicians within the pharmacy.

4.2.3. Any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist or prescribing practitioner who is licensed as a dispensing physician or other such designation by his or her licensing board present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1 above.

4.3. The charitable clinic pharmacy shall not charge any fee for the dispensing of prescription drug samples or prescription legend drugs to qualified patients of the charitable clinic pharmacy.
4.4. Strict screening guidelines based on needs assessment shall be developed by the charitable clinic pharmacy to determine who is eligible as a qualified patient. This may be accomplished in conjunction with the clinic itself, and documented through a patient medical record shared between the charitable clinic pharmacy and the clinic itself.
4.5. All screening guidelines, needs assessments, and revisions shall be submitted to the Board upon request.
4.6. Charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from the restrictions in Section 15-1.19.10 insofar as the charitable clinic pharmacy may provide prescription blanks imprinted with its name for prescribers working in the clinic to write prescriptions to be filled at the charitable clinic pharmacy.

§15-13-5. Prescription Drug Samples.

5.1. Except insofar as it may conflict with federal law, charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from any State law or rule which restricts who may receive sample drugs from a manufacturer. Specifically, unless it conflicts with federal law, a charitable clinic pharmacy may accept donated prescription drugs in their unbroken original packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers, or manufacturers provided appropriate records of transfer, donation, and receipt are maintained; Provided That the samples have been stored under the proper conditions required by the manufacturer and applicable law to prevent deterioration or contamination. However, a charitable clinic pharmacy shall only receive, possess, and dispense prescription drug samples if the following conditions are satisfied:
(a) The samples are dispensed at no charge to qualified patients of that charitable clinic pharmacy;
(b) The samples are possessed in compliance with the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq, or its successor;
(c) The samples are in the original container in which they were placed by the manufacturer and the container is clearly marked sample;
(d) Prior to being furnished or dispensed, the samples have been stored under the proper conditions to prevent deterioration or contamination;
(e) The samples are clearly marked with an expiration date and lot number;
(f) The samples are not expired; and
(g) The samples are not a controlled substance.
5.2. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall not sell, purchase, or trade prescription drug samples.
5.3. Dispensing A Sample Drug By A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall comply with the following:
5.3.1. A pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy must have a valid prescription prior to dispensing a sample drug to a patient.
5.3.2. The charitable clinic pharmacy must determine the eligibility requirements for a patient to receive a sample drug.
5.3.3. The sample drug is dispensed to the patient free of charge.

5.3.4. The sample drug is dispensed:
(a) In the original container in which it was placed by its manufacturer where the container is clearly marked as sample; or
(b) By removing the sample drug from the original container only if the prescription label on the appropriate container, pursuant to rule 4729-9-02 of the Administrative Code, clearly states that the drug dispensed is a sample drug.

§15-13-6. Pharmacist-In-Charge Responsibilities.
6.1. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall be responsible for implementing policies and procedures and a quality assurance program for operation of the charitable clinic pharmacy.
6.2. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall ensure through implementation of policies and procedures that the following occurs at the charitable clinic pharmacy:
(a) donated drugs dispensed from pharmacy are properly labeled;
(b) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required are not dispensed to patients;
(c) donated drugs are inspected prior to dispensing to determine that the donated drugs meet all federal and state requirements for product integrity;
(d) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions are destroyed, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required; and
(e) manifests for donated drugs that are dispensed or destroyed are created or maintained at the charitable clinic pharmacy for two (2) years from the date of destruction.
(f) dispensing errors are documented and reported monthly to the Board.

§15-13-7. Limitations of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

5.2 All drug therapies and prescriptions shall be prescribed on an individual basis.
5.3 A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall not accept lost identity or unknown drugs.
5.4 No misbranded drugs shall be accepted by the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy.
5.5 A Charitable Pharmacy may accept donated and unadulterated prescription drugs in their unbroken original manufacturer packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers or manufacturers, the State of West Virginia, the Board of Pharmacy or by other means, provided appropriate records of receipt are maintained.

§15-13-8. Continuing Education Credits for Volunteering in Charitable Clinic Pharmacy
7.1. A pharmacists who volunteers as a pharmacist-in-charge or a staff pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy may earn up to a maximum of six live continuing education credits for such activities. For every eight hours worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as the PIC, the PIC may earn one hour of live continuing education credit. For every ten hours worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as a staff pharmacist, the pharmacist may earn one hour of live continuing education credit.

15-13-9 Inspection and Investigation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

9.1 The Board of Pharmacy shall create and implement the use of an Inspection Form which is consistent with the requirements under which a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall operate as contemplated by W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b and established by S.B. 722.

9.2 Upon receipt of the completed inspection form, the Board of Pharmacy and any appointed Quality Control Committee or other such body of the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy my meet and confer to address and resolve issues which may impact the health and safety of the pharmacy's patients. To the extent necessary, corrective plans may result from such meeting(s) with timeframes established by the Board of Pharmacy for the resolution of Quality control measures.

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RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED

(Including explanation of amendments made to the proposed rule as a result of comments)

PROPOSED REGULATIONS
REGULATION OF CHARITABLE CLINIC PHARMACIES
WV CSR 15-13-1, et seq.

The Board of Pharmacy received written public comments to the proposed rules filed with the Secretary of State on July 30, 2008. Following are the Board's responses to those comments.

1. The Board received a number of positive comments stating that a pharmacist should be required to operate these pharmacies, that pharmaceutical care is something for which pharmacists are specially trained in a manner different from and beyond any other health care provider, and that the rules present a reasonable approach to reduce the requirements on charitable clinic pharmacies while still providing for minimum patient safety standards in their operation. As these comments did not suggest any changes, no further response is necessary from the Board.

2. Several comments received indicate generally that these rules are unnecessary and that the Free Clinics should not be regulated. They state that one "should not fix what is not broken." The Board recognizes and applauds the free clinics for the good and valuable work they do in the various communities around the State. However, as was made clear during the Legislative session and debate on SB 722, many free clinics were operating pharmacies without a license under the auspices of a purported exemption from regulation; review of the law, regulations, and purported exemption showed this to be an incorrect position, something to which the Board of Pharmacy representatives testified. This situation, given the West Virginia Association of Free Clinics' own information says they dispense over 500,000 prescriptions per year, is one which is not safe given the highly regulated drug industry and pharmacy industry in which they practice. Quite simply, the Board's position is simply that patients of every pharmacy deserve equal protection under the law, i.e., deserve to have the same minimum standards in place to protect their health, safety, and welfare, regardless of ability to pay. Patients of a pharmacy located in a free clinic should receive the same minimum safety protections, the same as if they could afford the most expensive pharmaceutical care in the State. SB 722 is a very reasonable approach to

put the pharmacies located in a free clinic in a special class ("Charitable Clinic Pharmacy"), allowing for the protection of the patient while recognizing the nature of the operation in the clinics. The Legislature saw fit to clarify this issue by passing SB 722 to make it clear that pharmacies in free clinics do fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Pharmacy, along with every other pharmacy in this State. That being the case, the question turned to how to regulate them: if they were simply regulated as pharmacies, then they would have to meet all of the requirements of the laws and regulations just as any other pharmacy (whether located in retail, a hospital, a 340(b) clinic, or other pharmacy, all are subject to the full regulations). Given that the free clinics do not handle controlled substances and operate on smaller formularies than most other pharmacies, the Legislature, after looking at similar laws in other states, determined to amend SB 722 to regulate the free clinic pharmacies as "charitable clinic pharmacies." As such, the Board of Pharmacy researched the laws in several surrounding jurisdictions to see how they accomplish this. See Table below for comparisons of some general points. In short, but for SB 722, the free clinics would be facing having to comply with all of the laws on point for operating a pharmacy. SB 722 and the regulations crafted by the Board of Pharmacy with input from the free clinics and others create a very friendly scheme for them to operate, and one which is more lenient than any other state or jurisdiction known to the Board. As these comments did not suggest any specific changes, and, as the Board believes the proposed rules are a balanced, fair, and equitable approach, no changes are being made in response to these general comments.

TABLE OF SURROUNDING STATES AND SAMPLING OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS REGARDING CHARITABLE CLINIC PHARMACY REGULATIONS

STATE	CHARITABLE CLINIC PHARMACY REGS	PIC REQUIRED	PHARMACIST REQUIRED TO DISPENSE	EXCEPTIONS FOR PHARMACY TECHS
California	Yes	Yes (called consultant)	Yes	No
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Pennsylvania*	No	Yes	Yes	No
Maryland*	No	Yes	Yes	No
Virginia*+	No	Yes	Yes	No
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	Yes, in most instances	No
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
WEST VIRGINIA**	Yes	Yes, but much lower time requirements and may be a volunteer or employee	Yes, but allow prescriber to dispense in hours pharmacist is not present	Yes--Allow to continue to process orders if pharmacist absent

* These states treat a free clinic pharmacy the same as all others in their respective states.

\+ Virginia, does not having any special regs for free clinic pharmacies, but does provide for how medical doctors and osteopaths may distribute samples in charitable pharmacy clinics. Thus, if a free clinic has a pharmacy, it must function the same as any other pharmacy in the Commonwealth.

** West Virginia requirements are in draft, only, and are not final.

3. The Board received numerous comments which generally state that the regulations are too onerous and should not be passed. This category of comments also does not contain any suggested language changes. The comments incorrectly state that the proposed rules are going to prevent physicians from receiving or dispensing free samples, prevent free clinics from receiving samples, prevent physicians from dispensing to their patients in the clinics, and require a pharmacist to be on site for any prescriptions to be dispensed. Unfortunately, it appears that the source for the misinformation generating these comments came from information put out by Pat White and some of the members of the West Virginia Association of Free Clinics (AFC) in print and through various media outlets to inform people of their positions with regard to the proposed regulations filed by the Board to implement SB 722. To get to the core source of these comments, the Board quotes some of the AFC's information found in their flyers or other materials below, followed by the Board's responses.

> *AFC: "Does the rule restrict the ability of physicians to dispense medications such as manufacturer samples?*
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> *Yes it does. The rule requires a non-profit clinic to have a Pharmacist present before their volunteer doctors and other clinicians can provide free samples. This restriction goes beyond the free clinics and will apply to any non-profit such as rural clinics and community mental health facilities or any other non-profit providing medications for free. The rule also states that doctors may not dispense life-saving medicine in a free clinic without a pharmacy technician present.*
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> *This rule is a first step in the elimination of free samples being provided to patients in this state."*
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> BOP Position: This is a misinterpretation of the regulations. This rule does nothing to restrict the ability of a doctor to receive or dispense free samples. That is controlled by the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act (PDMA). . In a regular pharmacy, only a hospital pharmacy is permitted by the PDMA to store free samples for a physician; no retail or other type of pharmacy is permitted to receive them per the PDMA. However, the proposed regulations, borrowing from other states, allow that the free clinics can, in fact, receive free samples from manufacturers, and dispense them from the pharmacy to the free clinics' patients. Thus, not only may a physician dispense samples of the free clinics under this proposed rule, the pharmacy may do so also, unlike any other

setting. Finally, the Board has not discussed or considered anything with regard to eliminating free samples in this state. It is difficult to understand the mindset of the AFC in asserting that to be the case here.

AFC: "The Board has written PROPOSED rules that would require every "charitable clinic pharmacy" in WV to have a pharmacist onsite OR stop providing free medications to patients who would otherwise go without life-sustaining pharmaceuticals. The Board's rules even prohibit doctors, dentists, and other clinicians from dispensing medicines to patients if the rules are enacted."

BOP position: This position is false. The rules require the charitable clinic pharmacies to have a Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) there a small percentage of the time each month that the clinic pharmacy is open to insure proper procedures, etc., required of every pharmacy in West Virginia are in place and being followed. The PIC may be a volunteer, and need not be an employee. To the extent one would have to be hired, many pharmacists work as consultants to nursing homes and other such situations on an hourly fee or other contract basis such that the expense can be minimized. As for dispensing medications, the rules require that prescriptions be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner before they are dispensed from the pharmacy. Thus, if no pharmacist is on site, the prescribing practitioner can dispense to the patient from the pharmacy as is allowed under his or her own license.

Going further, in any other pharmacy in this State, pharmacy technicians (PT's) must work under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who is onsite and present in the pharmacy. One exception is that the pharmacist may take an onsite 30-minute lunch break during which PT's can continue to process (but not dispense) prescriptions. Understanding the situation in the clinics, the Board has written a new exception for PT's to continue processing (but not dispensing) prescriptions in a charitable clinic pharmacy for up to two hours with no pharmacist on site, provided that the prescriptions are checked by the physician or a pharmacist before they go out to the patient. Furthermore, the Board provides for the PT's to be able to work under the direct supervision of a physician rather than a pharmacist when no pharmacist is present.

One further point on this topic, while a physician is permitted, under these regulations, to go into the clinic pharmacy and dispense when no pharmacist is present, the AFC interprets it to require the physician to be "supervised" by a PT. The Board, as is discussed in paragraph 4 below, has clarified this language to allow a physician to dispense regardless of whether a PT is there or not. Thus, there can be coverage for the times when no pharmacist volunteer is available.

AFC: "The Board's definition of charitable clinic pharmacy is VERY broad and includes any non-profit dispensing medication free of charge."

BOP Position: The definition comes straight from the statute passed by the Legislature, without modification. Further, the language adopted by the Legislature was found in other states which use this regulatory scheme successfully. More importantly, the definition is meant to be broad in the sense that every pharmacy in this State comes under the jurisdiction of the BOP. Thus, for those that fall outside of the definition, they must apply for and pay for a full pharmacy license which is subject to full regulation. This new special class is much less strictly regulated to accommodate the work that the free clinics do with smaller formularies and no controlled substances. Should they ever expand to a full formulary and/or dispensing controlled substances, then the BOP would likely be asking that they be regulated as a full pharmacy as well, as the reasons allowing for lesser regulation would disappear. That not being the case here, the Board believes it has proposed a fair and balanced rule to allow the free clinics to operate limited pharmacies and still protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public that will be receiving these pharmaceuticals.

AFC: "For more than 25 years, the medication rooms in the free clinics have operated under the Board of Medicine."

BOP Position: This statement is false. The undersigned spoke with Robert Knittle during the Regular Session to see if the BOM had any stake in SB 722, and he indicated that they did not. The undersigned then spoke with counsel to the Board of Medicine during the early stages of drafting the proposed regulations, and she indicated that they did not have any regulatory authority over the free clinics themselves, but only had authority over their own licensees; specifically, they had no jurisdiction over a pharmacy as that would be the jurisdiction of the Board of Pharmacy. In fact, when asked about a provision in the Board of Medicine regulations which actually lightens the requirements on doctors with a BOM-issued dispensing license while working in free clinics, counsel indicated that it was the only thing in their law that she knew of which pertained to the free clinics. This was confirmed by OHFLAC and the DHHR, who also indicated that the free clinics were operating without any regulation by them as well. Thus, the need for these regulations of the practice of pharmacy within the free clinics is clear.

AFC: "The law directed the BOP to work with the free clinics in the development of the rule. Unfortunately, the Board of Pharmacy has created a set of rules and regulations on its own that will be prohibitive for the clinics to distribute medications to patients."

BOP Position: This statement is not accurate. SB 722 directs the BOP to promulgate regulations to effectuate it, stating further that the free clinics' charitable clinic pharmacies will be allowed to operate without regulation until the proposed regulations are passed. In an effort to work with the free clinics,

representatives of the Board met with them during the session and several times after the session to hear their concerns and get their ideas on the regulations. The Board researched several other states, including all of our Border States, and shared the research fully with the AFC. The Board shared its draft with them, and solicited and received a draft from them. The Board reviewed their draft alongside its own at an open meeting on July 14, 2008, and incorporated some of their language, noted that there was much agreement, and directed the undersigned to make the required changes for filing. Since filing, the Board reminded the AFC that they had further input through the open comment forum, and the Board has pledged to continue working after the formal filing deadline for the Agency Approved version on Aug. 29, to see if there are further needs for agreed modifications prior to the next regular session. Thus, the Board did not do this on its own, and remains open to further agreed modifications as may be necessary. Finally, it is patently untrue that the rules will prevent the free clinics from distributing medications.

AFC: "The WV Association of Free Clinics is asking that the BOP go back to the drawing board and work closely with the clinics to focus on quality assurance issues rather than making clinics operate as retail pharmacies."

BOP Position: Given the above, we need not go back to the drawing board. The Board has produced a very workable and friendly product that is less restrictive than any of our Border States, or any other that the Board has researched. It does not look at the clinics as retail pharmacies. The better analogy, if one were needed, would be to look at them like a 340(b) FQHC or as an institutional pharmacy. However, no analogy or comparison is needed because this law and the proposed regulations do not have to do with payment issues, it has to do with requiring minimum safety standards for the protection of patients, regardless of which pharmacy they go to in order to obtain their medications. One need only to research the US Code and FDA regulations on drugs in this country to see that it is a very heavily regulated industry due to the needs to protect the consuming public. The pharmacy, and the states' oversight of them, are the last links in that safety-net. The patients deserve the same amount of minimum safety regulation regardless of ability to pay. To state otherwise is to insult the dignity of the patients who are served by the free clinics, something with which they would surely agree.

AFC: "Governor Manchin's new central fill pharmacy program known as WVRx is also threatened by this new rule."

BOP Position: That is not true. In reality, the Board has used this as an opportunity to be a proponent of WVRx, stating that some of the medications patients receive now in the free clinics will be available through WVRx by mail order. Furthermore, Pat White and Jeff Graham (Beckley Health Right) have repeatedly told the Board that WVRx is a separate operation operating a mail order pharmacy. In fact, Mr. Graham assured the undersigned that his clinic

would not be involved in WVRx if it were not operated as a full mail order pharmacy, with all prescriptions checked by a pharmacist.

Clearly, as these comments are based upon misinformation and do not suggest any changes to the language of the proposed rules, the Board did not make any amendments or modifications based upon them. While all other pharmacies in the State are regulated as set forth in the current statutes and approved regulations already on the books, because the free clinics do not handle controlled substances and do not have the full array of drugs on their formulary, a lesser level of regulation can be supported as a matter of public policy. However, they still dispense, according to their literature, over 500,000 prescriptions per year, and expect to continue to grow that number, such that no regulation, or even minimal regulation, is not in the best interests of the patients receiving those medications. Again, the free clinics, in many cases, are operating pharmacies to serve the public, and that public deserves to have the same minimum level of protections afforded to any other pharmacy patient. As such, the Board believes the scheme it has put forward in the proposed regulations are both reasonable and fair in balancing the good work of the free clinics against the needs for minimum safety standards to be in place in the pharmacies fun by the free clinics.

4. The Board received a comment from Senator Jeffrey V. Kessler, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, indicating concern over language which would require either for a pharmacist to be present to dispense any medications from the pharmacy, or would require a pharmacist technician to be present for a physician or other practitioner to dispense from the pharmacy. The comment states that "it is unrealistic to assume that enough pharmacists are available and able to volunteer at our charitable clinics to have a pharmacist at the clinics during normal hours of operation . . . [and] even more unrealistic to thing these free clinics could afford to hire a pharmacist to staff the clinics. The comment goes on to state that a prescribing practitioner should be able to serve patients when no pharmacist is present, and that he or she should be able to properly document any dispensings he or she makes without any oversight by a pharmacy technician. These comments were echoed by a number of other general comments opposing the proposed regulations as a whole, without providing such specifics. A comment from the Board of Medicine and a joint comment from the State Medical Association and West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians also echoed the latter comment from Senator Kessler, indicating that the rules should not infringe on a physicians ability to dispense prescriptions or samples to his or her patients. Lastly, related to this point, a comment received from R. John Pearson, MD, MPH, indicates that it would be too difficult for a prescribing practitioner to be limited to filling only for his or her own patients as it would be difficult for the physician to be there for refills if no pharmacist is present.

With regard to the Board of Medicine's concern, the Board of Pharmacy certainly has no intention of infringing upon the jurisdiction of the Board of Medicine or any other licensing board's jurisdiction. However, the Board clearly has full jurisdiction over who enters and dispenses from a pharmacy. Clearly, this is the same as any other clinic or hospital pharmacy. Nonetheless, in response to the these comments, the Board has sought to clarify this issue by modifying language to clearly allow prescribing practitioners who are permitted under their own licensure to dispense medications to enter the charitable clinic pharmacies and fill, check, and dispense medications (including refills) for any patient when no pharmacist is present and

without any oversight by or requirement for the presence of a pharmacy technician. Specifically, the Board amended the definition of "pharmacy technician" in Section 15-1-2.1.39 as follows:

> 2.1.39. "Pharmacy technician" means registered supportive personnel who work under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, and who have passed an approved training program; Provided That, in a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy, when no pharmacist is on-site, a pharmacy technician may work under the direct supervision of a prescribing practitioner who is licensed as a dispensing physician or other such dispenser by his or her own State licensing board.

This makes it clear that a PT can work under the supervision of a dispensing physician, and not the other way around. Next, the Board amended Section 15-13-4.2 and 4.3 to make it clear that a physician can enter the pharmacy and fill, check, and dispense prescriptions. The language now reads as follows:

> 4.2.2. Any other rule notwithstanding, a prescribing practitioner who is licensed as a dispensing physician or other such designation by his or her licensing board may access the charitable clinic pharmacy to fill, check, or dispense prescriptions when no pharmacist is present, Provided That he or she insures proper labeling and documentation of the dispensing. In the absence of a pharmacist, such a practitioner may also supervise the work of pharmacy technicians within the pharmacy.
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> 4.2.3. Any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist or prescribing practitioner who is licensed as a dispensing physician or other such designation by his or her licensing board present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1 above.

Thus, in response to these specific comments, and the many other general comments discussing generally the concerns that physicians be able to dispense to their patients, the Board has amended and modified the language necessary to accommodate those concerns.

5. Another comment questions Section 15-13-13, stating that it requires charitable clinic pharmacies to follow all Federal and State laws, "and does not give the Clinics much work around room to address the concerns of how do we continue funding the patient care in our clinics." In response, the Board states that this language is boilerplate, and is required whether it is put in these proposed regulations or not. The idea that the Charitable Clinic Pharmacies can operate outside of what is required for pharmaceutical care under Federal or State law is untenable. What is more likely the point being made is that the commenter does not feel that the proposed regulations go far enough to reduce the requirements on the subject pharmacies. The Board feels that it has "sponged down" these requirements to allow for the free clinics to operate while still providing for the minimum safety of the patients.

6. In a comment received from Richard Kiley, PhD, Executive Director of The Appalachian Community Health Center, Inc., he indicates that he fears the proposed regulations will affect their ability for physicians to receive medications for their patients. However, he states that they do not run pharmacies, but merely receive samples from manufacturers. As stated above, this rule in no way affects the abilities of these types of entities to receive and dispense samples; they are only affected if they run a pharmacy.

7. In a comment received from Lisa J. Moherman, she indicates that she would like to see the Board adopt a provision in the draft submitted by the West Virginia Association of Free Clinics for accepting donated drugs in their unbroken, original packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers, or manufacturers. The Board, in addressing this issue while reviewing the AFC's draft, stated that this would be acceptable. As such, specifically, the Board incorporated the language suggested by the AFC and by Ms. Moherman in Section 15-13-5, stating as follows:

> 5.1. Except insofar as it may conflict with federal law, charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from any State law or rule which restricts who may receive sample drugs from a manufacturer. Specifically, unless it conflicts with federal law, a charitable clinic pharmacy may accept donated prescription drugs in their unbroken original packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers, or manufacturers provided appropriate records of transfer, donation, and receipt are maintained; Provided That the samples have been stored under the proper conditions required by the manufacturer and applicable law to prevent deterioration or contamination. However, a charitable clinic pharmacy shall only receive, possess, and dispense prescription drug samples if the following conditions are satisfied:
> (a) The samples are dispensed at no charge to qualified patients of that charitable clinic pharmacy;
> (b) The samples are possessed in compliance with the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq, or its successor;
> (c) The samples are in the original container in which they were placed by the manufacturer and the container is clearly marked sample;
> (d) Prior to being furnished or dispensed, the samples have been stored under the proper conditions to prevent deterioration or contamination;
> (e) The samples are clearly marked with an expiration date and lot number;
> (f) The samples are not expired; and
> (g) The samples are not a controlled substance.

8. Comments were received criticizing the use of the term "qualified indigent patient", feeling that the term was derogatory or insulting. As such, the Board responded to this by removing the term "indigent" throughout the rule.

9. The comment from the State Medical Association and West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians also questioned an internal conflict in the proposed rule in Section 15-1-1.2.1.30, the definition of "outpatient pharmacy." This conflict was discussed during the legislative session and the purported exemption for free clinics in the regulation found to be void as violating

statute. and otherwise ineffective as the definition was not used in any provision in the regulations pertaining to the licensing and regulation requirements for pharmacies. The Board recognized that it had failed to strike this language from the proposed draft filed for public comment. As such, responding to this comment and the Board's own recognition of the issue, the Board amended the rule as follows:

> 2.1.30. "Outpatient pharmacy" means any pharmacy, apothecary, or place within this state where drugs are dispensed and sold at retail or displayed for sale at retail and where the practice of pharmacy is conducted and pharmaceutical care is provided; and anyplace outside of this state where drugs are dispensed and the ~~practice of pharmacy and pharmaceutical care is provided to residents of this state. The terms pharmacy, drug store, or apothecary do not include a free clinic or physician's office that dispenses drugs for free.~~

10. Many comments call this an unfunded mandate whereby a PIC and a pharmacist will have to be hired. On the contrary, the rule provides for volunteer PIC's and volunteer pharmacists to be permitted to work, and tries to incentivize this by providing for some continuing education hours to be earned for volunteering. Further, as mentioned above, to the extent no volunteer PIC's come forward, pharmacists all over the state currently work for hourly rates or contract rates as consultants, and would likely step forward in like manner. Finally, the undersigned has been informed that free clinics in other states received grants to hire pharmacists. The Board is confident that the free clinics in this state will aggressively seek such funding as well. The Board will use its discretion in enforcement to relax the implementation of these rules to allow the free clinics which operate pharmacies to adjust.

11. Another comment questions why dispensing errors must be documented and reported monthly to the Board when this is not required by other pharmacies. In response, the Board states that in relaxing the rules so that pharmacy technicians can work for longer period with no supervision and can work under the supervision of physicians, and since physicians can enter the pharmacy and dispense, all unlike in any other setting, that this requirement is a small check to balance those increased operating freedoms.

12. Comments received from the Wheeling Health Right and the WV Association of Free Clinics question the requirements for a PIC and request that they be exempted from fines, suspension or other discipline of their license while working in a free clinic. The Board feels that the definition of PIC in the proposed rule is adequate and greatly reduces the time requirements. Finally, it would not be appropriate to remove the possibility of discipline, as the PIC must operate with full care and attention.

13. Several comments suggested that charitable clinic pharmacies should not have to have all of the equipment required of all other pharmacies, and that there may be certain other items such as alarm systems that would not be necessary given the lack of controlled substances. The Board and its staff, including its pharmacist inspectors, has previously discussed this issue, and also discussed it when reviewing the draft regulations presented by AFC. Agreeing with this position, the Board has amended Section 15-13-3 by adding subsection 3.1 as follows:

Section §15-13-3. Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Permit Required.

3.1. A charitable clinic pharmacy is considered to be a pharmacy and must follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein. As such, a charitable clinic pharmacy permit shall be required for a charitable organization to operate a pharmacy in this State to dispense prescription drugs to qualified patients in this State. No fee shall be required to apply for or obtain the permit.

3.2. Permits obtained pursuant to this section shall expire on June 30 of each calendar year. Renewal will be conducted in accordance with the laws and rules for renewing pharmacy permits as outlined in this Title.

3.3. Charitable Clinic Pharmacies may petition the Board for exemptions from portions of the regulations set forth in Title 15 which are not addressed here on a case by case basis, including, but not limited to, for such things as the requirement for weights and measures if no compounding is to be done, the requirement for separate security features and alarms if they are available on the clinic building as a whole, and other such requirements.

14. Finally, the largest majority of comments were actually statements by patients of the free clinics stating why they need their medications and the free clinics are a valuable resource to them. The Board very much understands all of the good work done by these clinics, and how valuable they are to each and every one of their patients and communities. They are a strong mostly-private-market effort to help portions of this State's population who are unfortunately without health insurance and cannot afford to pay for expensive health care, including certain high-cost medications. The Board appreciates the time these individuals took to write their personal stories and educate the Board further on the very human side of this issue. As stated above, the Board's position is simply that patients of every pharmacy deserve equal protection under the law. They deserve to have the same minimum standards in place to protect their health, safety, and welfare, regardless of ability to pay. Patients of a pharmacy located in a free clinic should receive the same minimum safety protections, the same as if they could afford the most expensive pharmaceutical care in the State. The Board believes these regulations present a balanced approach to both sides of this issue—allowing these clinics to provide this valuable service through their pharmacies, and providing for minimum protections through the learned profession of the practice of pharmacy.

Prepared by:

David E. Potters

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Executive Director and General Counsel

August 26, 2008

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia

Re: Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

Dear Board of Pharmacy Members,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed rule for the regulation of charitable clinic pharmacies. I was a licensed pharmacist who was the director of pharmacy services for the Beckley Health Right Clinic from 2001 to 2003. I operated this particular pharmacy as closely as possible to that of a licensed pharmacy. Mr. Doug Douglass (former executive director) and Mr. Bob Davis (former board inspector) visited this particular clinic and thought that this could be a possible model for other free clinics in the state. Unfortunately current administrators of these clinics felt that pharmacists were expensive and "unnecessary".

This rule is absolutely needed. Pharmacists will not volunteer their services in these clinics BECAUSE of the lack of regulation. They obtain their medications from multiple sources. Regulatory supervision concerning the proper storage, adequate expiration dating, re-packaging of samples (which is something these clinics MUST be able to continue doing with appropriate labeling and dating), and appropriate storage for insulin products is a must. The drug product is just one side of the equation. The other being the accurate interpretation of prescription orders written by a licensed provider. Multiple medications lead to drug interactions-which cannot be detected by lay people or clinic administrators.

This should not be a political issue. This is a health care issue. We are dealing with indigent patients that deserve the same quality of health care as anyone else. The administrators of these free clinics have been dispensing drugs for the past several years because no one wanted to fight this issue. I applaud the Board of Pharmacy for taking up this fight. This is about the delivery of pharmacy services safely and accurately to a population in this state that deserves that quality of care. The governor of this state should be as concerned about this issue as we are. I am certain that if all parties actually sit down and understand that some regulation is a necessity these pharmacies could actually run smoothly and with volunteer pharmacy staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Debra W. Nichol RPh

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I support the intent of free clinics. They are a wonderful asset to our poor, rural state. However, why should the patients of these clinics be denied proper pharmaceutical care just because they cannot afford to pay for their prescription medication? They should not, and with this rule, they will not. Pharmaceutical care should be made available to each and every person in West Virginia and throughout the country. If pharmacists were not needed to dispense medications safely, then I have wasted a huge amount of money on a doctoral level education, along with 79 classmates, and thousands of colleagues throughout the state and country.

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Attn: Mr. David Potters
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Charleston, WV 25301

Re: Proposed Rules 15-13

Dear Mr. Potters:

I would like to offer my support of the proposed rules regarding the regulation of a charitable clinic pharmacy. I feel the board has been very reasonable in the promulgation of the rules and the implementation of the rules should present no undue burden upon these clinics. As a result of the implementation of these rules, all patients in the state of West Virginia will have access to the benefits and safety which only a pharmacist can provide.

Sincerely

David G. Bowyer
Director of Experiential Education

8/18/08

Dear West Virginia Board of Pharmacy,

I am writing in support of the board rule to have a pharmacist-in-charge at free clinic pharmacies.

As you know pharmacists are the most knowledgeable professionals about prescription drugs and provide the highest level of competence and safety in pharmaceutical care. More affluent patients currently have access to this degree of care.
Indigent patients deserve this same level of protection and expertise provided by a pharmacist directly involved in their care.

In addition, the Board of Pharmacy's oversight of the free clinic pharmacies will ensure compliance with state and federal laws that maximize patient protection and quality of pharmaceutical care.

Sincerely,

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The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
David Pottters, Executive Director

Charleston, WV 25305

Re: Comments on Proposed Rules to Pharmacy 15-13

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The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
David Pottters, Executive Director

Charleston, WV 25305

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I strongly support the passage of these proposed rules. This bill will help to ensure that the citizens of West Virginia have access to quality preventive healthcare services from the appropriate providers as well as safe medication utilization. If you have further questions, I offer myself as a resource. You may reach me using the contact information below.

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY
CHARLESTON, WV

DEAR SIRS:

I SUPPORT YOUR PROPOSED RULE TO BRING CONTROL OVER THE OPERATION OF PHARMACIES LOCATED IN FREE HEALTH CLINICS. WE CAN NOT HAVE TWO SEPARATE PHARMACY STANDARDS FOR THE NEEDY VERSUS MORE WELL TO DO PATIENTS. THE STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY NEED TO APPLY IN ALL PHARMACY LOCATIONS.

SINCERELY,
LARRY REXRODE RPh #3292

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I am writing to express my support to the Board to enforce the recent regulation concerning pharmacists and the charitable clinics in our state. I feel the medications must be dispensed by a pharmacist to insure safe, quality care, along with counseling required to comply with better patient understanding of the medications. Dispensing by nurses, technicians, and non professional volunteers is a disaster waiting to happen if it already hasn't happened.

Thank you

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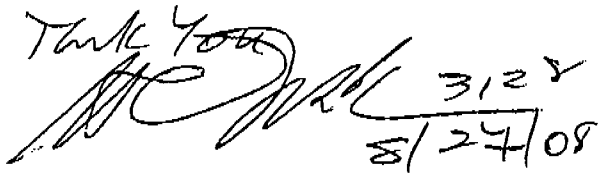
To: WV Board of Pharmacy
From: Steven C Judy, R.Ph.
I support your proposed rule to bring some oversight to the operation of pharmacies located in free health clinics. Patients of those clinics deserve the same quality of pharmaceutical care and service provided patients with insurance

Thank You



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From: Emily C Judy, R.Ph.
I support your proposed rule to bring some oversight to the operation of pharmacies located in free health clinics. Patients of those clinics deserve the same quality of pharmaceutical care and service provided patients with insurance

Emily Judy, RPh
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8/27/08

Date
From
To abotters@wvbot.com
Subject Fwd: charitable clinic regulations
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Mr. Potters, I am a registered pharmacist that worked at the Beckley Health Right Clinic from 2001 to 2003. I have sent a letter to the Board office concerning my thoughts on the proposed rule for charitable clinic pharmacies. However, this morning while getting ready for work, I opened up the Beckley Register Herald and the editorial jumped out at me. I was absolutely furious and emailed the editor, Mr. Antolini, the below response. I later learned from Robert Butcher that Mr. Antolini serves on the Health Right Board of Directors. Now I am understanding the articles that have been in the paper during the past couple of weeks-not good reporting whatsoever-extremely biased. I feel that the indigent patient is the one to suffer in the end-not Pat White or her clinics. What you and the Board of Pharmacy is trying to accomplish is commendable. This is about the safety of the public-not about politics. I would be happy to answer any questions that you or the Board may have concerning this subject. At the time that I was director of pharmacy services we were filling in excess of 1000 scripts per week. The majority of these scripts were to seniors-this was before Medicare Part D was implemented. Now these patients have SAFE alternatives along with other plans implemented since that time. Mr. Douglass and Mr. Bob Davis (former board inspector) visited the clinic during my tenure there and wanted to use what we were doing as a "model" for free clinics in the state. Unfortunately, that never came to fruition because the Board had no jurisdiction over these sites. I apologize for the length. Again, feel free to contact me. Debby Nichol

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From: Dwnicho
To: bantolini@register-herald.com
Sent: 8/27/2008 8:16:03 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: charitable clinic regulations

Dear Mr. Antolini, I just read the editorial concerning the free clinic pharmacies. I am a licensed pharmacist that was director of pharmacy services for the Beckley Health Right Clinic from 2001 to 2003. I truly wish that you would have gotten information from BOTH sides of this issue. These clinics have been giving medications out to the indigent without any safeguards as to the medications being dispensed. We filled over 1000 scripts per week to indigent patients during this time at the Beckley site. However, Ms. White did not care about these patients when she and her Charleston politicians cut all funding to this clinic. My staff and me worked for over 90 days without pay "hoping" that something would happen to enable the clinic to remain open. These people depended on our services, yet Ms. White feels pharmacists are "unnecessary" and expensive.

I have seen first hand the improper storage of medications, the improper dispensing of medications by so-called administrators that have no knowledge of pharmacy or pharmacy practice. I have seen medications dispensed with no expiration date all in the name of "helping the poor". The Board of Pharmacy did not initiate this rule. Manufacturers that supply free medications to these clinics are very concerned about the lack of regulation. The indigent population in this state DESERVE a better quality system. If there was some oversight by a regulatory board MORE PHARMACISTS would be willing to VOLUNTEER their time at these clinics.

You really should get both sides of a story before printing such a one-sided editorial. I have been on the other side and know that SOMETHING needs to be done. These administrators have been allowed to dispense medications to the indigent, interpret medication orders, prevent drug interactions, etc.,etc., etc., and please do not tell me that errors have not been made. Why would we NOT want to provide safeguards to a population in this state that deserves the same quality of health care as anyone else. You have done a grave disservice to these people.

Sincerely, Debra W. Nichol R.Ph.

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Charles Ellis
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
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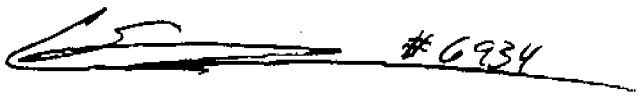
Board of Pharmacy,

I support your proposed rule to bring some oversight to the operation of pharmacies located in free health clinics. Patients of those clinics deserve the same quality of pharmaceutical care and service provided to patients with insurance. Improper handling of medication is an on going problem in clinics not under the Boards of Pharmacy rules and regulations. Medication duplication, medication interactions and medications being dispensed passed their expiration dates are some of the problems these clinics face without pharmacist oversight. Pharmacist involvement is imperative in dispensing medications properly and without error.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Potters,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me about SB 722, and its potential effect on FQHCs. We look forward to working with you and the Board in the future. Please don't hesitate contact me should I be able to assist you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Nichols
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August 29, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Attn: David Potters
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Subject: Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

Dear Mr. Potters:

I am a first year pharmacy student at the University of Charleston, writing in response to rules created for WV Code Section 30-5-1 (SB 722), which is open for public comment. Upon review of these rules, I encourage passage of these rules as written. These rules, while potentially a slight financial burden for the Board of Pharmacy, will help to ensure that the health and safety of patients is in the best interest of the clinics.

Sincerely,

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August 28, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Attn. David E. Potters
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Mr. Potters:

I am writing in support of the proposed legislative rules regarding the regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies. In order to protect the health of all West Virginians, the provision of quality pharmaceutical care must be made available to every citizen regardless of their ability to pay for such care. The proposed rules do not present an undue burden upon the Charitable Clinic Pharmacies, especially when weighed against the patient's health.

Respectfully,

Robert G. Burton, R. Ph.

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TO: W. V. Board of Pharmacy

FAX #: 304-558-0572

RE: Oversight of operation of charitable pharmacies.

I support totally your efforts to bring some oversight to the operations of pharmacies located in free health clinics. Patients deserve complete quality care as persons with insurance. An example — Today a patient called to ask if she could take hydrochlorothiazide with ibuprofen she bought at the family dollar she had gotten thy Hate at Health Right. The volunteer told her to call a pharmacist because no one there could help here. Is Health Right making or creating local pharmacies responsible for their patients?

Kathy McNeill RPh

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Dear Mr. Potter and Fellow Board Members,

I am writing this letter to you to voice my support of the rules proposed for the regulating of charitable clinic pharmacies. After reading all the proposed rules I feel that the rules are well written. I feel that the cost absorbed by the board to license and regularly inspect these pharmacies is money well spent. These pharmacies do good work for their patients and I believe that with these laws and rules in place the board can assure that these pharmacies are following all guidelines while at the same time acting in the best interest of the patient's well being. Thank you so much for reading this and I hope these rules are enacted as written with no or little change. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Alex T. Zwierko

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

ATTN: David Potters

RE: Support of legislative rule "Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies"

August 28, 2008

Regulation of charitable clinic pharmacies is absolutely imperative. Indigent persons have the same right to safe healthcare as any other citizen, and any services utilized by these persons should be regulated in the same manner as pharmacies for the general public. This rule is absolutely necessary for patient safety.

Concerning the financial restraints of charitable clinics, this rule provides free licensing for the clinics with the board of pharmacy, and continues to allow health-care provider volunteers. Both these things should make the transition of clinic regulation unproblematic and non-burdening financially for the charitable clinics, as they continue serving their crucial role in West Virginia healthcare.

I feel it is my duty as a future health care provider to support legislative rule 15-13-1, et seq: Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies for the well-being of the patients who use charitable clinics in West Virginia.

Sincerely,

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From:

To:

Subject:

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

I was notified that the rule that would allow you to govern over the free clinic pharmacies is meeting opposition. I find this absurd. There is no difference in what a free clinic pharmacy and a normal chain pharmacy does. For this reason, the rules should be the same. Allowing the free clinic pharmacies to rule over themselves could cause a lot of problem because there would be no one for them to answer to and violations could occur. Not only that but the main reason is for the safety of the patients. I would not feel safe without the Board of Pharmacy governing them

Sincerely,
Daniel Parker

August 28, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

As a pharmacy student I support the proposed rules for the regulation of charitable clinical pharmacies. It is necessary to have a pharmacist present to ensure the safety and promote quality care of the patients. Prescriptions from a free clinic should be checked by a pharmacist just as if these patients were using their local retail pharmacy. They deserve the same treatment and safety as if they were paying for their prescriptions.

Sincerely,

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August 28, 2008

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Charleston, WV 25301

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Respectfully,

Justin D Vance, Pharm D Candidate

Subject:

View:

Dear Mr. Potters

I would like to express our support for the WVBOP proposed charitable clinic rules. I feel as a pharmacist, that the citizens of West Virginia that attend these clinics are due the safe medication practices that the citizens of WV enjoy when they receive medications from either a community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, mail order pharmacy or long term care facility.

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Jessica Belcher
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August 28, 2008

David Potters
WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:

I am currently a student at the University of Charleston School Of Pharmacy. I was writing you to voice my support for the proposed rules regarding free clinic pharmacy in West Virginia. It has come to my attention that many individuals are opposing these proposed rules. I believe that these rules are satisfactory in regards to free clinic pharmacy in the state, and I do not see any reason why they should be changed. Prior to being a pharmacy student, I had worked as a technician in a community pharmacy for five years. I understand the needs of patients from this state, and most importantly I understand patient safety is vital in the pharmacy profession. I feel that the proposed rules adequately protect and meet the needs of the people of West Virginia.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jessica Belcher

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David Potters, Executive Director & General Counsel
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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RE: Comments on 15CSR1 and 15CSR13

Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed revisions to 15CSR1 and the proposed new rule 15CSR13 which require a pharmacist-in-charge to be present in order for medications to be dispensed at free or charitable clinics. These clinics help the poor and uninsured who would not otherwise receive medical treatment or would resort to using emergency rooms for non-emergency care.

It appears that the rule provides two options for dispensing medication; either a pharmacist must be present or a pharmacist technician must document dispensing of medications. This would require patients to wait at the clinic or return whenever a pharmacist was present or subject the physician or other practitioner to oversight of a pharmacist technician. As you know, West Virginia has a shortage of pharmacists. It is unrealistic to assume that enough pharmacists are available and able to volunteer at our charitable clinics to have a pharmacist at the clinics during normal hours of operation. It is even more unrealistic to think these free clinics could afford to hire pharmacists to staff the clinics.

The prescribing practitioner should be able to sufficiently document what and to whom the medication was given if no one is staffing the clinic pharmacy. There is not a pharmacy technician present in a doctor's office when samples of medication are given to patients. One should not be required for documenting what is prescribed and given to patients in a free clinic.

Moreover, there are no controlled substances in clinic pharmacies, therefore, there is no potential for abuse of the medications. It is vitally important that high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer and other medications be provided to clinic patients without unnecessary stress or delay.

I urge you to reconsider and modify the rules to allow the free clinics to continue to provide their lifesaving services to West Virginians who depend on the clinics for medical care in a prompt and efficient manner.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey V. Kessler, Chairman
Judiciary Committee
West Virginia State Senate

JVK/RP/sj
cc: Andrea Leffingwell, Executive Director, WV Association of Free Clinics

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Dear Mr. Potters:

I have reviewed the proposed rules regarding Charitable Clinic Pharmacies that have been submitted for public comment. I understand the Board of Pharmacy has concern for the safety and welfare of the residents of West Virginia. I have those same concerns and am not philosophically in opposition. However, after reviewing the proposed rules I have concerns as to how the rules may impact the safety and welfare of the people we are both trying to protect.

Charles Town Health Right, Inc., d/b/a The Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic (EPFC), has been in operation for seven years. A Board of Directors and a Medical Director govern the organization. They have established policies, procedures, and quality assurance practices for how the clinic operates including the process of giving medications to patients. Patient safety has always been and will always be of the utmost importance to our organization. The majority of our medications come from the major drug companies' Patient Assistance Programs (PAP). We also purchase generic medications that we cannot get though the PAP which patients require.

EPFC is a relatively small clinic compared to the clinics in Charleston, Morgantown and Wheeling. We serve seven counties in the eastern part of the state. We have approximately 2000 people receiving care through the clinic. We have 3 part time nurse practitioners that fill 2 full-time positions. The physicians who volunteer at our clinic are present in the clinic from two hours a month up to six hours a week. When they are here for these few hours they see our most medically complex patients. Using this precious time to dispense medications would be a poor use of this valuable resource.

As with patients at other free clinics, our patients feel the free clinic is all that keeps them alive, as I'm sure you've read in the many patient letters you have received. Working in the clinic it isn't hard to see what would happen to our patients if they were unable to receive the care and medications that we provide. Most of our patients have severe chronic diseases that have been untreated for years. This is why as directors we are so passionate about what we do and who we serve. We know this is about life and death.

The following are issues in the proposed rules for a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy that I would like you to clarify. I have examined the proposed rules and the current rules of the Board of Pharmacy.

In the Proposed Rules

Section 15-13-3 Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Permit Required

3.1 "A charitable clinic pharmacy is considered to be a pharmacy and must follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein."

Does this mean that our free clinic pharmacy must comply with all other rules of the Board of Pharmacy? There are many issues in the regulations that would cause an undue and unwarranted burden for free clinics. These include but are not limited to, having bars on the windows and alarm systems on the medication room although we have no controlled medications.

The rules imply a pharmacist is necessary according to Legislative Rules and Regulations of the WV Board of Pharmacy because they state: **A device for the detection of breaking and/or entering shall be installed in each prescription department in each pharmacy. The installation and the device shall be based on accepted burglar alarm industry standards or approved by the Board, and are subject to the following conditions:**

Deactivation of the alarm system for the prescription department shall be restricted to the pharmacists working at the pharmacy, and the system shall be activated whenever the pharmacist is not on duty.

The door keys and alarm activation and de-activation codes to the prescription areas are subject to the following:

1. **Only pharmacists practicing at the pharmacy and authorized by the pharmacist- in-charge may possess any keys to the locks on the doors of the prescriptive area.**

In the absence of a pharmacist, a sign with a minimum of four (4) inch letters shall be prominently displayed stating: "Pharmacy Closed. No Pharmacist On Duty", and the pharmacist shall secure the pharmacy by implementing any barriers and security devices prior to leaving the pharmacy.

Procedures such as keeping the pharmacy under lock and key with the only key being in the hands of a pharmacist also pose unique challenges within the free clinic setting. If this procedure is applicable to free clinics and volunteer pharmacists can be used, which pharmacist would be the 'holder' of the key? If a pharmacist is NOT available (except for the two hour window) is the pharmacy to be 'closed' and locked? Are providers not allowed access to the pharmacy to dispense medicine if a pharmacist is unavailable?

In the Proposed Rules:

4.2.2. Any other rule notwithstanding, the prescribing practitioner may access the charitable clinic pharmacy to fill, check, or dispense prescriptions written by him or her when no pharmacist is present, provided a pharmacist technician is present and insures proper documentation of the dispensing.

Based on the definitions in The Legislative Rules and Regulations of the WV Board of Pharmacy, "Pharmacy technician" means registered supportive personnel who **work under the direct supervision of a pharmacist**, and who have passed an approved training program. "**Direct supervision**" **means that a licensed pharmacist is physically present in the pharmacy** and is available to verify the accuracy of a prescription before it is dispensed. Based on these definitions in the proposed rules, can medications be dispensed by a pharmacy technician without a pharmacist on-site?

4.2.3 Any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic's pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1 above.

Because the clinic will have to rely on having a volunteer pharmacist, this two-hour window requirement raises real concerns. It appears that the pharmacy would be locked when no pharmacist is onsite, even though providers can dispense medicine according to their licensing boards. If there is a three-hour gap between providers is the pharmacy to be locked? If a pharmacist leaves and there is a several hour delay before a provider arrives to volunteer, is the pharmacy technician to leave and lock the pharmacy? Is the technician to be 'on-call' and available to work at any given time when a volunteer provider is on-site, or is the charitable clinic to pay the technician when the pharmacy is locked?

4.5 All screening guidelines, needs assessments, and revisions shall be submitted to the Board upon request.

Does the Board require retail pharmacies to submit needs assessments, guidelines, etc. upon request by the Board, or is this an additional requirement only for charitable clinic pharmacies?

6.2 Pharmacist-In-Charge Responsibilities: what are the liability issues of the Pharmacist-In-Charge (PIC)? Is this person responsible for all actions that occur in the charitable clinic pharmacy? Is he/she legally responsible for every volunteer pharmacist, per-diem pharmacist, pharmacy intern and technician with access to the charitable clinic pharmacy? If the Board's intent is to allow providers access to the pharmacy to dispense medications to patients, is the PIC liable for their actions as well? Are there fines imposed by the Board associated with this position? This provision could represent a liability nightmare for the charitable clinic. Our insurance coverage is provided through

BRIM. so this provision may entirely change our status, thus jeopardizing our coverage and/or resulting in premium increases.

6.2 (e) Manifests for donated drugs that are dispensed or destroyed are created or maintained at the charitable clinic pharmacy for two (2) years from the date of destruction.

When the FDA interpreted the PDMA, it did NOT require the same tracking and manifest provisions for free clinics as it did for others. If the Board is now requiring additional and separate tracking of donated versus purchased medications, a major and costly re-programming of our pharmacy computer will be required. If the drug manufacturer and PDMA do not have this requirement, why does the Board of Pharmacy? Who will pay the costs associated with this tracking and manifests provision?

6.2 (f) Dispensing errors are documented and reported monthly to the Board.

Are retail pharmacies required to report dispensing errors to the Board monthly? If not, why is this additional standard applied to charitable clinics? If the issue of errors, recalls, and disposal of out-dated medication are covered in the clinic's Quality Assurance Policy, and the clinic is subject to inspection and licensure, isn't that sufficient?

The cost associated with trying to implement the proposed rules is another issue!

In our clinic we have a systematic approach to providing medications to patients that contains checks and balances, and a clear plan for provision of services by pharmacy technicians when any licensed professional with prescriptive authority is available on site. We have a double check system in place where a technician and another licensed professional examine every medication that goes to the patient. This procedure has been very effective in providing a safe mechanism for patients receiving medications. Possibly throughout the clinics a plan could be developed where the technicians must work with a pharmacist to develop the policies and procedures for the clinic and create a quality assurance requirement. We are all concerned about safety, but do not want the guidelines to be something that hinders what we are trying to accomplish: serving the uninsured and the financially challenged of the state with quality healthcare.

Sincerely,

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Dear David,

As I write this letter I am reminded of the last time I saw you and you were relaying to me that Larry Border had said I would be "reasonable to talk with". I am sure that many of the letters that you have received regarding the rules have been influenced by emotions of patients frightened about losing their access to medications. While this is an emotional letter for me due to my responsibility to protect the clinics patients I also believe you will find my comments reasonable.

Good Samaritan is very fortunate to have 13 pharmacists that volunteer to fill prescriptions for our patients. Bob Lincicome has served on the board since the inception of the clinic and has unofficially been the pharmacist in charge. Because we are so small we only fill twice a week and have pharmacists here an average of 1- 1 ½ hours on Monday and Thursday. Currently patients are able to pick up their prescriptions five days a week during regular business hours.

After reading the rules and regulations that we have been informed are not a draft but the final document that will be presented on August 29, 2008 I am concerned that our pharmacy services will cease to exist. First I do not understand the necessity for a pharmacist to be present for medications to be picked up by the patients. I realize the premise for this is education but the drug monographs printed and given with our prescriptions from the QS1 program are equally as informative as those used by Medco or Express Scripts mail order programs. We also have a mid-level provider present during those times that can answer any questions or provide education at a patient's request. This rule will limit the time that our patients can pick up prescriptions to Monday 1-2pm. and Thursday 9-10a.m. which are the hours that our volunteer pharmacists usually fill. Most minimum wage workers do not have the flexibility to leave work at those times.

Second I am concerned about the restriction on the providers to dispense medications including samples to the patients without a pharmacy technician present to check them. Unless a full time pharmacy technician is hired patients with health care conditions that require antibiotics will have to wait days before their medication will be ready. Also patients that come in with severely elevated blood pressure will not be able to be started on medication until a pharmacist or pharmacy technician is present.

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Finally cost and availability are major issues. In the best case scenario the legislature would increase the line item of the free clinics to allow us to hire pharmacists. We are currently being told that with health care benefits, retirement and wages we can anticipate a cost in excess of $100,000. Availability is also a concern as in this area alone retail pharmacy's are currently down three pharmacists. If there is no pharmacist willing to be the PIC will the charitable clinic pharmacies be forced to close. Every year approximately 100-150 pharmacists meet in Parkersburg for an all day continuing ed. seminar. For the last 10 years I have sent letters to that seminar soliciting volunteers and Bob Lincicome, board member at Good Sam has encouraged pharmacists attending to volunteer. In the last 10 years we have gotten two new pharmacists that are each willing to volunteer two to three hours every three months.

The reality of these rules and regulations is that many of the clinics ours included will see their pharmacy services come to an end. Currently our providers see our only option as writing strictly for medications on the $4 list at Wal-Mart or Kroger. We know this will create a financial hardship for many of our patients especially those that have multiple chronic health problems. But an even larger concern is what will patients do when their meds are not on that list? What will they do when the cost of their daily medications is more than they make in a month?

While I understand the premise for HB722 is patient safety I have to question how safe it will be for these individuals when they can no longer obtain their medications. I am still not convinced nor have I seen proof that the safety of the patients served by free clinics over the last 20 years has been compromised. Would it be possible for each clinic to receive a list of the medication errors that have been reported to the BOP from their clinic? Certainly names would not have to be included but dates and types of errors could be beneficial.

Submitting the rules and regulations as they stand now will be a definite step backwards for healthcare in West Virginia. Emergency departments will again become overcrowded, complications from untreated chronic conditions will cause disability's that will increase the number of individuals that qualify for WV Medicaid and health care costs will soar as someone has to accept financial responsibility for all this.

My hope and prayer is that all involved including the Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of Free Clinics and our Legislators will come again to the table to try to resolve these concerns before these rules are "set in stone".

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Potters,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me recently regarding the Free Clinics in West Virginia. As you know, I am very concerned about the impact that the rules and regulations proposed by the Board of Pharmacy will have on patients in our state.

I have gone through the proposed legislative rules drafted by the Board of Pharmacy and by the WV Free Clinics Association. Obviously, the organizations view the need for on-site pharmacist oversight very differently. Any type of mandate for a pharmacist to be present for the majority of time when medications are dispensed must be carefully orchestrated, with clear plans outlined for funding these positions by the West Virginia Legislature. Bench marks for implementation should be spelled out clearly to ensure a successful transition.

When we spoke two weeks ago, we talked about the Board of Pharmacy expecting significant volunteer pharmacist involvement to meet the time requirement in the proposed rules. This idea sounds appealing on the surface - what pharmacist doesn't want to help those who are less fortunate? In reality, coordinating such an effort for even a short period of time is fraught with logistical issues, uncertainty of staffing, and significant training/educational burdens. Who will be responsible for orientation and training of the volunteers? For those who volunteer infrequently, how can competency with clinic procedures be assured? I believe that having individuals who are unfamiliar with day to day operations could actually decrease safety, when compared to well-run operations led by certified pharmacy technicians.

I am concerned about the time limits being placed on the activities of the pharmacy technicians when a pharmacist is not available. I believe that technicians can work very well independently. This is clearly demonstrated at the Milan Puskar Health Right Clinic in Morgantown. This center is an example of how pharmacists, technicians and other providers built a system that is filled with safety checks and balances. Licensed prescribers are available on-site for immediate questions, and the technicians regularly discuss larger issues with pharmacist members of the Board of Directors. The pharmacist members of the Board of Directors work with the technicians to accomplish many of the activities listed under the "pharmacist-in-charge" section of the rules proposed by the Board of Pharmacy, but we do not have time limits applied to our activities.

Section 4.2.2 of the Board of Pharmacy proposal details the ability of the prescribing practitioner to dispense medications written by him or her during the pharmacist's absence. Many of the clinics operate with a volunteer physician staff. I believe it is not practical, and again, potentially less safe for a volunteer physician to go into an unfamiliar environment, try to find the proper medication and fill a prescription, when his or her goal is to see patients who require complex medical care. How can this added responsibility be viewed as a positive impact on safety? In this situation, where is the double, and often triple-check, of the prescription and medication being dispensed?

Sec §15-13-5. of the Board of Pharmacy proposal addresses prescription drug samples.

I would like to see this section broadened to include what the Free Clinics propose in section 5.5, "A Charitable Pharmacy may accept donated prescription drugs in their unbroken original packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers or manufacturers, the State of West Virginia, the Board of Pharmacy or by other means, provided appropriate records of receipt are maintained". Perhaps add "Prior to being furnished or dispensed, the samples have been stored under the proper conditions to prevent deterioration or contamination" as stated in section 5.1(d).

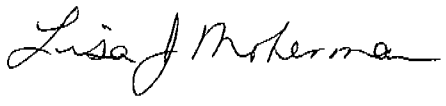
Section 4.4 of the Free Clinics' draft of the rules details a clear plan for achieving the goal of providing safe patient care. "A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall create written Quality Assurance Procedures that meet and satisfy recognized and accepted pharmacy standards. Such Quality Assurance Procedures shall be submitted to [the] Board of Pharmacy upon the creation of a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy". Quality Assurance Policies and Procedures should be created for each charitable clinic pharmacy to include, but not be limited to, items a through j in their draft. These items include: a) process for handling medication recalls; b) awareness and recognition of potential adverse drug reactions; c) compiling data for necessary statistical analysis; d) the tracking of inventory for drugs and prescriptions received by the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy which insures the ability to monitor the quality of drugs, the type of drugs; e) the availability of providing consultation to its patients when inquiries are made; f) proper labeling procedures to be affixed to each prescription; g) checks and balances for insuring correct prescription delivery; h) a system and process allowing monthly reviews of prescription services to evaluate patient safety, efficiencies and performance of the pharmacy; i) a statement by the free clinic's Board of Directors that it has reviewed and adopted the Quality Assurance Procedures; submitted the Quality Assurance Procedures to the Board of Pharmacy; j) a written policy facilitating the performance of random chart reviews of patients receiving prescription services from the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy. The policy shall contemplate the random chart reviews being conducted by individuals recognized by the Board of Pharmacy with such skill and competence and may include volunteer Pharmacist In Charge, volunteer licensed pharmacists, retired pharmacists, consulting pharmacists and retired consulting pharmacists as those terms are defined by the West Virginia Code and the Rules and Regulations of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

Instead of requiring a pharmacist to be on site at all times, I propose a different strategy be implemented for Charitable Clinics. I suggest creating a systematic approach to providing medications to patients that contains reasonable rules, checks and balances, and a clear plan for provision of services by pharmacy technicians when any licensed professional with prescriptive authority is available on site. A double check system should be in place, whether by two technicians, or by a technician and another licensed professional when the second technician is not available. Develop a plan where the technicians must work with a pharmacist to develop the policies and procedures for the clinic. Create a quality assurance requirement where a pharmacist must check accuracy of a certain number of prescriptions in a given time period. This type of activity not tied directly to the dispensing process could be scheduled in smaller blocks of time with greater flexibility. (Please see item j above)

Perhaps a "pharmacist in charge" could be funded by the legislature for the entire clinic system. This individual would be able to provide consistency among the clinics, gathering on strengths at different sites to improve the quality of care provided to our citizens in West Virginia.

I believe that the Charitable Clinics are truly a unique entity. A creative approach to pharmacist involvement at the clinics, as outlined above, should be considered as the best option to promote safety while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Clinics simply do not have the funding sources to pay pharmacist salaries. If the Board of Pharmacy Rules are adopted as written and funding cannot be secured through the WV Legislature to hire enough pharmacists to comply with the new rules, clinics will no longer be able to provide medications to patients. Patients who are forced to go without medications will seek care at emergency rooms and hospitals throughout the state when their untreated illnesses cause acute problems. This creates an increased burden of care on these facilities. Additionally, patients will be released with new prescriptions and no place to go to get them filled. The cycle repeats. We must keep the medication rooms at our Free Clinics "Open for Business".

Sincerely,



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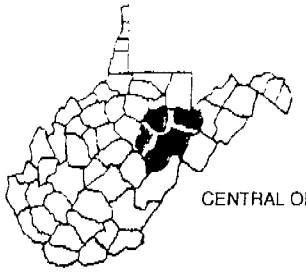

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Dear Mr. Potters:

The Appalachian Community Health Center, Inc., a comprehensive behavioral health center, has reviewed the proposed Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies promulgated based on SB 722 in accordance with WV Code 30-5-1. The Center is concerned regarding the sample medication provisions of the proposed rule. This Center contracts with several physicians and WVU for medical and psychiatric services. The physicians are provided with sample medications provided by Pharmaceutical Representatives. The Center stores the medications for the physicians and the physicians dispense the medication to consumers who are in crisis and need medications or who need medication until they can enroll in an indigent medication program. The imposition of having a Pharmacist-in-charge with no funding source for the position is an unfunded mandate. This Center and others like it do not run pharmacies, but simply store samples that are available through the employed or contracted physicians to dispense as crisis or temporary needs of consumers arise. The samples are maintained in the same manner as samples are maintained in any private physicians' office and are dispensed only when no other option is available or the consumer is on a trial sample to determine the efficacy of the medication.

This Center requests that behavioral health consumers not be placed as risk due to an interpretation of a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy that includes normal sample drugs that are provided to physicians and dispensed by physicians for short term needs of consumers in crisis or in need of temporary assistance to stabilize or maintain stabilization.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Potters,

The Catholic Conference of West Virginia presents the views of the Catholic Church and of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston before all branches of state government as well as before statewide voluntary groups and private organizations. Of great interest to the Church and the Diocese – witness Bishop Bransfield's 2006 Pastoral Letter "A Church That Heals" – is providing health care to citizens of this state, not least the tens of thousands of uninsured West Virginians.

As you know, the ten free health clinics in this state provide an invaluable service to the working poor, not least in dispensing many non-controlled pharmaceuticals to those that need them. It is by no means clear where low-income, uninsured individuals could go for their medicines if the free clinics have to designate one pharmacist as the pharmacist in charge. To hire such a person would be prohibitive for most of the clinics, and no one will volunteer to be the pharmacist in charge given the liability and responsibilities of that position.

The issue of safety has been stated as the reason for creating the rules, but free clinics provide complete continuity of pharmaceutical care to their patients because it is the ONLY pharmacy the patient accesses. The practitioners working or volunteering for a free clinic use HealtheWV EMR which automatically causes the practitioner to review each patient's medication list and any adverse reactions before sending/printing prescriptions to be sent to the pharmacy.

The Catholic Conference of West Virginia urges the Board of Pharmacy to engage in negotiations with legislators and with the free clinics to amend the proposed 15CSR1 and 15CSR13 rule changes so that a service to thousands of our fellow citizens which has operated without danger for a quarter of a century continue.

Sincerely,
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Dear Pharmacy Board Members,

I do not envy you the task which lies ahead for you to make decisions concerning the future of the already underserved, uninsured patients of our state. I realize that it is your responsibility to assure the safety of these people and see that the laws passed governing pharmacy activities are met. However, the decisions you will be making in the near future will certainly impact the lives of thousands of people in this state that already have so many problems, especially with health care.

I have volunteered with the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Clinic for nine years. For several years, I was able to donate 16 hours a month to the clinic. But recently, like many other providers, I have had to scale back on the time I can donate in this role. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for these clinics to recruit providers. It has always been even more difficult to recruit volunteer time from pharmacists. There doesn't seem to be much interest from your peer group in helping these people. Thus, if it becomes mandatory for a pharmacist to be present for every medication to be counted, labeled, and dispensed to the patients, I certainly hope you will see to it that there is some incentive for pharmacists to help us in our efforts to care for these patients.

I am not worried about many of the prescriptions that we write for the patients at Ebenezer as I feel sometimes the easy access to things like antidepressants, muscle relaxants, sleeping medications and even antihistamines leads to over-prescribing. However, there are many medications that are necessary to maintain the health of most of our patients which are not available on the "$4 list" at Walmart. These medications are things like oral meds for diabetics who cannot be controlled with metformin..... or the patients with hypertension who need angiotenson receptor blockers or calcium channel blockers, which can cost almost $100 for a months supply. And of course, not all infections can be adequately treated with four dollar antibiotics....just as seizure controlling medications are not cheap.

I plead with you to find a solution for this problem, be it tax breaks for pharmacists that volunteer, methods of prepackaging medications to reduce errors, or waiving some of the regulations imposed by legislation if at all possible to allow the free clinics to continue to serve the indigent. Perhaps there is some way that local pharmacists can assist from their own pharmacy if they cannot afford the time to help at the clinic pharmacies.

It is so easy to think of "the indigent" as separate from us, but in reality, the patients I see at Ebenezer are my neighbors, who work as hard (or harder) at their jobs than I do. They have families that depend on them and they are proud citizens and tax payers in our state. The drug seekers, or abusers don't come to Ebenezer because they know they cannot get what they want, but instead these patients are people just like us who didn't have the opportunities in life that we have all been blessed with. I ask that you come to Ebenezer with me, meet some of my patients, and teach me how to explain to them that these changes will be in their best interest. I dare say you will leave with a heavy heart.

I have worked in rural Lincoln County with very poor patients and have spent hours trying to get medications from the pharmaceutical companies via the programs they so proudly brag about. Most of these programs are very difficult to utilize and they tend to suddenly stop providing the medications without warning. Now with Medicare Part D, many of these programs have been cancelled by the companies. Of course the ones who do still help the patients without insurance are appreciated and utilized by the free clinics in mass.

I know you are all concerned that someday a mistake might be made by a pharmacy tech that results in injury or even death of a patient. That is a worry for all of us, but each of us knows that a fatal mistake could also be made by a provider or even in your very own pharmacies. What I don't understand is why we would allow regulation and legislation that forces us to assure that hundreds of patients will have to go without medications necessary to improve their health or even sustain life. Aren't we deliberately causing harm by this action, and can we justify that in our own hearts and minds?

Respectfully,

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Dear Mr. Potters,

I have recently been made award of the Board of Pharmacy's proposed rule which will affect the way medications are dispensed at the ten free health clinics in West Virginia. Today on West Virginia Public Radio I heard that this will also affect student health clinics in some of our State's colleges and universities.

Regulations are often beneficial to the general public and help ensure that there are checks and balances in delivery of services; but, this rule will be detrimental to those who are served. In some cases, this rule will put cost –prohibitive restraints on the agencies which provide services to those who are considered the "working poor" of West Virginia.

I am concerned because one of these free clinics, Health Access, has provided valuable services to several of the people I have worked with as executive director of the Harrison County Sheltered Workshop, Inc.

I urge the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to pull the rule and develop another rule-- with representatives of the free clinics in our State, as was intended by the Legislature-- that will allow access to care and treatment, not impede it.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Potters and members of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy,

I am a pharmacist who has worked at West Virginia Health Right for years, both as a volunteer and as paid staff. The pharmacy is very efficient and extremely well organized with an excellent staff that really cares about the patients. I would be shocked to find a pharmacy anywhere that makes fewer errors than I have ever seen made there. I rather resent the implication that that the work I have been involved in for so long has been substandard.

Health Right is extremely fortunate to have the backing of Charleston Area Medical Center who pays for pharmacists to work several days a week. Other free clinics in the state are not so fortunate. Their pharmacists are volunteers who generously give of their time so that hard-working uninsured citizens in their areas can receive care. Unfortunately, as I am sure you are aware, we have a shortage of pharmacists in this state. Finding coverage for all the hours the clinics are open is extremely difficult. Instead of trying to help, you are trying to legislate these clinic's pharmacies out of existence. I do not quite know exactly what is motivating you to undertake this crusade. If you are truly concerned with the public's well-being and safety there are many other issues you should be looking at.

You could support measures that require drug company representatives to disclose the amount of money and other perks they give to doctors to prescribe their products and work with the Medical Board to require doctors to also disclose the amount of these gifts. You could examine ways to work with other states to reduce the amount of direct to the consumer pharmaceutical advertising which is one of the major reasons drugs cost so much more in the United States than in other countries. You should be examining more ways to deal with the issues of drug abuse and diversion in the state—a far, far larger problem than someone other than a pharmacist handing a sick patient life-sustaining medication at a free clinic.

You need to put politics and personal differences aside and do what is right for the people of our state. If the patients of these clinics are denied medication because there is no pharmacist-in-charge you will see many more Emergency Room visits, more hospitalizations that the taxpayers will ultimately pay for, more high blood pressure, more heart disease, more diabetes, and more death.

The free clinics were not broken before you came on the scene and they do not need fixed! They need help in doing their work, and the regulations you are proposing will not be that help. Instead they will be the death of our free clinics.

Sincerely,

Randi K. Robinson

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Medical Center

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

I appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed rules relating to Charitable Clinic Pharmacies which have been submitted for public comment. CAMC has had a long, collaborative, mutually beneficial relationship with West Virginia Health Right. CAMC provides Health Right with a .6 FTE pharmacist as well as housekeeping services. In addition, many physicians who practice medicine at CAMC also volunteer their services at Health Right. In calendar year 2007, CAMC provided over $8.5 million in free care to patients referred from Health Right for testing and specialty care.

We feel extremely fortunate to have Health Right in the community providing access to health care for the poor and working uninsured. We refer patients to Health Right from our emergency departments and teaching clinics for sorely needed drugs to treat both chronic and acute conditions. We have a shared goal—to provide high quality health care to all patients regardless of ability to pay.

We agree that there should be oversight of the free clinic pharmacies, and that the Board of Pharmacy is the best-qualified body to provide such oversight. At the same time, however, we are concerned that there has been a lack of communication with the free clinics and the dedicated health professionals volunteering in the clinics. The Health Right Board of Directors includes physicians and pharmacists who are dedicated to patient safety and quality. These professionals could provide the Board of Pharmacy with needed insight on how at least one free clinic works day in and day out to ensure patient safety.

I would, therefore, encourage the Board of Pharmacy to pull the proposed rules and meet with free clinic administrators, pharmacists, physicians and mid level providers representing staff, board members and clinical volunteers in an effort to reach a compromise before the proposed rules are submitted to the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (304) 388-6232.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Whitler

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Attn: David Potters
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Dear Mr. Potters:

This letter is written on behalf of the ten (10) free health clinics located throughout the state, but especially WV Health Right of Charleston. Below is a short synopsis of our organization and how our residents would suffer without a realistic prescription service from that entity.

The Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, Inc. a transitional home for male, newly recovering alcoholics and related addictive drugs users who are serious about maintaining their sobriety and willing to work towards the opportunity to begin a new life. Our mission is to continue to support newly recovering, male alcoholics and drug abusers who are serious about their recovery, and strive to move beyond traditional, transitional housing through education, counseling and proactive recovery efforts. Our specific desired outcome is for all of our residents to leave here with their lives in a proactive recovery mode, re-establish family and friends relationships, obtain a career/work that gives them satisfaction and a livable income, become productive members of their community and live at peace within themselves and those with whom they interact. And, maintain a relationship with our home as mentors and as a safety net. Our programs are designed to challenge the residents to face their deepest fears, accept responsibility for their actions, receive direction, learn to confront and manage their emotions, forgive their guilt and nurture their spirituality. Building principle, integrity and character are cornerstones of our programs and we endeavor to instill self-restraint and self-discipline. We try to help our residents re-train, re-think, re-educate and re-evaluate themselves as substance abusers. Over the forty plus year history of this organization, hundreds of recovering alcoholics and addicts have become whole individuals; returning to society at large, our local community and to their families as productive citizens without the guilt, embarrassment and humiliation of addiction.

We serve people of all races, backgrounds and income levels. Ninety-nine percent of our residents are from the fringes of society, have little money and certainly no financial assets - real or personal property. Most come from broken and/or dysfunctional homes, have minimal education and/or job skills, owe back taxes and are in arrears for child support. We serve the entire state, including some adjacent states, but primary focus has been the Kanawha valley area. We try to work in concert with Prestera Center, Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center, West Virginia Health Right, West Virginia Department of Corrections, Southway at Thomas Memorial

Hospital. CAMC, Highland Hospital and the professional community at large as potential resources.

The home provides (1) room and board seven days a week, (2) twenty-four/seven on-site staff availability and supervision, (3) individual counseling and group therapy are provided by a licensed counselor with a specialty in addiction, who is a long standing member of the AA/NA community, (4) job placement assistance, (5) educational assistance and (6) a program of daily activity designed to assist and support the resident's in overcoming their addiction. Also, we currently provide informal counseling for our residents, undertaken by veteran members of the AA/NA community, our house manager and the executive director.

Due to the proposed changes that would escalate current costs, our residents would have to exclusively use a hospital emergency room as their primary care for prescription drugs. This would increase already out of control hospital costs. Most would simply not take, refill or seek the appropriate medication. Medication not only for temporary maladies but life saving medications for diabetes, Hepatitis C, cardiac and blood pressure, just to name a few. The majority of our residents make less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Level ($10,200). How can they afford any increased cost for their medications; they are already financially challenged in every way.

I hope that the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy will consider the plight of one human being as opposed to governmental intervention.

Sincerely,

Ken Stewart

Ken Stewart
Executive Director

Beckley Health Right Inc.

"Because We Care"

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What does this clinic mean to you, and what would you do without this facility?
How has this clinic changed your life?

This clinic is a blessing to me. Without this clinic I don't know how I would be able to go to the doctor or get my medicine. This clinic has given me peace of mind knowing I can be seen & get my medication. The staff is fantastic.

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By signing you give permission to publish your comments.

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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Hand Delivered

Dear Board Members:

Representing the profession of pharmacy in our State since the late 1890's, the West Virginia Pharmacists Association expresses its support of your proposed rule to regulate charitable clinic pharmacies as required of you in Senate Bill 722, which passed the 2008 Legislature.

Your Board is to be applauded for its initiative to protect the health and safety of the public with your proposed rule. After reviewing your rule, it is evident you are calling for minimal standards and regulations for the charitable clinic pharmacies. A comparison of your rule with those of other states finds it to be very lenient with oversight of these pharmacies.

These clinics are the only avenue for health care to many people without insurance. These citizens should have the same level of service and measure of safety that those of us have who are insured and have resources to pay for our care.

There are other reasons for your rule. These pharmacies are not regulated by your Board, as are all other pharmacies. The pharmacies operating in the free clinics are not required to report errors or injuries to patients like all other pharmacies.

Opponents of your rule say no errors occur. Filling prescriptions with the wrong product is the most common error in regulated pharmacies that are staffed with licensed pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians. Therefore, it is inconceivable that the untrained, non-licensed persons working in these free clinics do not make errors in filling the 500,000 or more prescriptions they dispense each year.

The uninsured may not have the availability of free drugs if manufacturers cease donating prescription drugs to the clinics because these pharmacies are not regulated and there is no oversight of the dispensing of their products. They are being placed in pearl of liability should an injury occur. This is another valid reason for your rule.

There are federal laws regulating packaging, re-packaging, shipping, handling and dispensing of products, including samples which are commonly dispensed by these clinics. Since these pharmacies are not inspected by your Board and unaccountable employees have access to these drugs, no one can be sure federal laws are not intentionally or unintentionally being violated. As with other pharmacies, your Board should have access to inspecting these pharmacies to make sure laws are being complied with in the interests of patients.

Some of the free clinics now operate with pharmacists on staff, while others do not. Your rule appropriately calls for a "pharmacist-in-charge" to be responsible for the operation of a free health clinic pharmacy, as they are in other pharmacies. Among other things, the pharmacist-in-charge is to be responsible for:
(1) maintaining accurate inventory;
(2) making sure expired products are not dispensed;
(3) determining if products received are those intended to be received;
(4) making sure products received are not controlled substances;
(5) making sure only drugs in their original sealed and tamper-evident packaging may be accepted and dispensed;
(6) making sure products are stored under proper conditions to prevent deterioration or contamination;
(7) examining products to determine if there is reason to believe they are adulterated;
(8) making sure prescription drugs donated to the clinic are from the appropriate manufacturer;
(9) making sure the charitable clinic pharmacy receives, handles, stores and dispenses sample drug in accordance with the Federal Prescription Drug Monitoring Act of 1987; and
(10) implementing policies and procedures and quality assurance program for operation of the charitable clinic pharmacy

If one reads the rule they will find it states if a charitable clinic pharmacy is open more than 40 hours per week, a pharmacist-in-charge must work there eight (8) hours per month. If the pharmacy is open 30 to 40 hours per week, a pharmacist-in-charge is to work six (6) hours per month; if open 15 to 30 hours per week, then four (4) hours per month; if open 5 to 15 hours per week, then only two (2) hours per month; and if open less than five (5) hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge is to work the lesser of two (2) hours or 50% of hours open. It should also be known the rule provides for a pharmacist to volunteer their services as the pharmacist-in-charge.

Your rule appropriately prohibits a clinic from charging patients a fee for dispensing prescription drug samples or prescription drugs to qualified indigent patients of the charitable clinic pharmacy. Since the products the clinics receive from manufacturers are free and the volunteer services of pharmacists who dispense are free, the pharmacy then becomes a profit center for clinic when they collect a copay. Clinics requesting their patients pay a copay or fee for each prescription will be prohibited from doing so once your rule is approved.

Because there is no oversight, no one knows if a clinic is providing services to individuals who are not indigent for the sake of receiving more grant funds. Appropriately, your rule allows your Board to request screening guidelines and needs assessments to make sure the clinic's pharmacy is indeed serving only those persons who cannot afford their medications.

Just as licensed health professionals – such as physicians, dentists and nurses – are providing care to clinic patients, licensed pharmacists, who are the most knowledgeable about prescription drugs, should be providing pharmaceutical care to the same patients.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Stevens

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Executive Director

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Via Overnight Mail
David E. Potters, Esq.
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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RE: Proposed Rules for Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

Dear Mr. Potters:

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores is a national trade association that represents 13 chain pharmacy companies that operate approximately 300 pharmacies in the State of West Virginia (State). On behalf of our members operating in West Virginia, NACDS applauds the Board of Pharmacy (Board) for these proposed rules that seek to establish proper regulatory oversight over charitable clinic pharmacies. Regulatory oversight is necessary for the benefit of patients that use the services of these charitable clinic pharmacies.

The Board is charged with protecting the public health, safety, and welfare through, among other things, regulation of pharmacies. We commend the Board for its commitment to this charge by setting standards for charitable clinic pharmacies. We support the proposed rule and believe that these requirements benefit patients using these pharmacies. For instance, the requirement for a pharmacist-in-charge for these pharmacies (as is required for other pharmacies) is necessary to assure proper operation of the pharmacy in accord with regulatory requirements. Other pharmacies operating in the State are regulated by the Board and the same should be true for charitable clinic pharmacies. Similarly, we support the requirement for prescriptions to be checked by a pharmacist before dispensing as required for other pharmacies. The residents of the State deserve proper regulatory oversight by the Board over these pharmacies. We note that the proposed rule will not require these pharmacies to pay a licensure fee and will allow pharmacists volunteering their services to receive continuing education credit.

We thank the Board of Pharmacy for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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Mr. David Potters
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By Facsimile: Free – Charitable Health Clinics

Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing in support of the proposed rule by the Board of Pharmacy for the oversight and regulation of pharmacies located within free or charitable health clinics. The proposed oversight and regulation of these dispensing pharmacies is minimal and therefore should not place a financial burden on the free – charitable health clinics. Patients of the clinics and recipients of pharmaceutical products at those clinics should have access to and be provided with quality pharmaceutical care and services regardless of the source of payment or lack of payment for the pharmaceuticals.

Sincerely,

Fred Silverstein, R. Ph.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I support your proposed rule to bring some oversight to the operation of pharmacies located in free health clinics. Patients of those clinics deserve the same quality of pharmaceutical care and service provided patients with insurance.

A pharmacy technician told me today that she witnessed a customer that was dispensed expired nitroglycerin from one of the free health clinic pharmacies.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Smith RPh.

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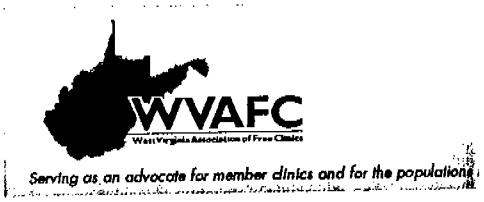

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August 27, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Members of the Board of Pharmacy,

By now we are quite certain you are aware of the problems which are associated with the proposed rules which were submitted on behalf of your agency in regards to how free clinics are operated in the State of West Virginia.

While we clearly understand your position on the subject we would advise you to proceed cautiously in that this decision has a strong potential to jeopardize free health care services to our state's most needy group of citizens, the working poor.

Earlier this year we had major issues once SB722 was introduced but in the end the free clinics across the state were satisfied from the rhetoric of our state's lawmakers indicating that we would have a clear voice and active role in the development of rules in relation to the dispensing of free maintenance medications at our facilities.

What actually took place was that we were strong-armed and essentially ignored by your executive director and now the matter has come to the point where we will obviously have little choice but to appeal to our lawmakers to stop this egregious act.

Your agency is sending a strong message to West Virginians that you simply couldn't care less about our needy, working citizens with no health insurance. And the Board of Pharmacy will wear that ugly collar unless someone with common sense steps in.

We were, and still are, willing to address quality assurance issues with the Board of Pharmacy. However, we won't sit idly by while you interfere with the successful efforts of these facilities to serve individuals who fall through the cracks of our mainstream drug delivery system.

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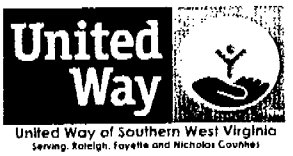

While your intentions may be good, the implementation of the current rules is simply wrong, overbearing and may be legally questioned as to whether you are stepping on other jurisdictional boundaries, including physician rights, as governed by the Boards of Medicine and Osteopathy.

We again appeal to your better judgment as this process moves forward and would hope you do sincerely care about the adult citizens served by the free clinics.

Sincerely, members of the Board of Directors of Beckley Health Right, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Potters:

When I first began working at Milan Puskar Health right (formerly Morgantown Health Right), eight years ago, a situation occurred that I will never forget. A man and his wife came to the clinic for a new patient appointment. Prior to this appointment, they had been without health care for nearly 10 years. "Bud and Mary" were hard-working folks from Marion County, who had a long history of being either self-employed or employed in jobs with no health care benefits. They had raised two children who were employed and had benefits, and also were awaiting the birth of their first grandchild. They were at a crossroads, too young to retire or to receive Social Security, yet not well enough to maintain on-going employment. They were just getting by with the help of their adult children. But, by the end of the appointment, Mary was in tears and Bud was pale-he hadn't felt "too bad" over the past few years, just "tired". However, in the span of 2 hours, the stoic couple learned that Bud had Type 2 diabetes and probable end - stage renal disease. His prognosis was poor. The staff at Health Right immediately sprang into action, providing Bud with life-saving medication, securing appointments with a nephrologist, follow-up care with the Health Right physician, counseling for his wife and him, and assistance with the completion of an application for Social Security Disability. Bud began dialysis, but died 2 years later. Throughout his illness, subsequent death and beyond, Mary continued to receive counseling services and health care at Health Right.

"Bud and Mary" are not the exception at free clinics, they are the rule. Every free clinic has a Bud and Mary, and many, many more patients in similar circumstances. We do the best we can, with what we have, to improve the lives of individuals without insurance and to improve the health of our community. As the need for free health care and medications has increased dramatically over the last 27 years, we have had no choice but to respond to that need.

So, what has this story got to do with the proposed rules for charitable free clinics? Everything. The rules will hinder our ability to "do the right thing" in a timely manner. The rules will force us to expend our limited funds on equipment and supplies currently required for retail pharmacies, such as barriers on pharmacy windows, multiple alarm systems, compounding supplies, etc. The rules, as currently written, appear to **decrease**, rather than increase, the safe operation of our pharmacy, by recommending the use of multiple volunteer pharmacists and/or multiple prescribing practitioners to fill and dispense medications. The WV Board of

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Pharmacy's proposed rules seem to equate free clinics with retail and hospital pharmacies, which is not an accurate representation of how we operate. For example, we do not carry controlled substances, do not compound medications, and the only liquid medications we stock are OTC antacids and other related products.

One of the recommendations we have received, regarding how MPHR (and other free clinics) could comply with the proposed rules, is to recruit and hire a full-time pharmacist. Given that we have had a vacant position for a mid-level provider for nearly a year, as a result of our inability to compete with local health care salaries, benefit plans, loan repayment options and sign-on bonuses, I can only predict that recruiting for a pharmacist would be an even more difficult endeavor. There are approximately 175 patients on a waiting list for the second mid-level provider to see. To recruit and retain a pharmacist would require a significant increase in funding, not just for a competitive salary, but an enhanced benefit package as well. Consistent state funding would be needed to underwrite this position, as the majority of grant funders will not provide resources for salaries or general operations.

Recruitment for volunteer physicians and other medical professionals is an on-going activity at our clinic. Typically, physicians have time to volunteer for one four-hour clinic, per month. Imagine a pharmacy, in any venue, staffed in that manner! The proposed alternative to this issue is to use prescribing providers to fill and dispense medications. The resulting slow down in our system using that method would greatly decrease the numbers of patients who could be seen, and could potentially result in increased medication errors.

I would like to request a detailed plan from the Board of Pharmacy that addresses how the Board will assist in maintaining continuity of pharmaceutical and medical care for patients who will not receive or will experience a temporary delay in receiving maintenance medications and other life saving drugs should the proposed rules be passed as written.

I am further requesting that you withdraw the current proposed rules and meet with the free clinic directors to develop rules that will allow the clinics to **continue** to provide the same degree of safe and high quality medical care that we have been providing to low-income, uninsured citizens of WV.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Jones, MSW
Executive Director

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On May 16, 2008 I started passing blood with my urine, so I went to the emergency room at Sistersville General Hospital to if I could get some answers as to why. The ER doctor said he thought I was passing kidney stones, so he gave me some sample meds (from the hospital) to see if that might be a cure, and it wasn't.

Later in May I went into Wheeling Health Right's New Martinsville office because the blood in the urine had not stopped. WHR put me on some meds for one month, it helped some but the blood continued. At this time they set me up with an abdominal ultra sound, and discovered there was a mass on my right kidney. To confirm this, I was then set up for a CT scan of the abdominal area, this also showed a large mass on my right kidney.

all lab and X-rays and determined the mass to be cancer. On Monday Sept. 18, 2006 my entire right kidney was removed due to cancer.

After recieving the W C Medical Card for one year, it was determined that I made to much money to keep recieving the medical card according to their guidelines. By doctor's orders I had to have certain meds that I could not afford, so I went back to WHR.

I feel that if WHR had not been availble in this area, my health would not be what it is now. I can't afford health insurance and I make to much money for the medical card. The meds that I am on, I would not be able to recieve them due to their cost and my income.

I am not the only one in this area that relies on WHR for them. We live in an

[illegible] and living [illegible] at times. Being this, not to all families can afford to pay their bills, keep a roof over their heads, and food on the table.

In closing facilities such as WRH, a lot of people would be without meds and medical appointments. Offices like WHR throughout the state are very much needed due to our economy at present.

In closing I would like to thank WHR and their services for helping me have a continuing second chance on life. On Sept. 18, 2008 I will be two years cancer free. I just ask you to allow them to keep up the good work and services.

Sincerely
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WV Board of Pharmacy
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Dear Mr. Potters,

West Virginia's free clinics have served the health needs of low-income working families for twenty-five years through the volunteer efforts of doctors, dentists, and pharmacists and through the ability to dispense free medication to their patients. The West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition, a project of the West Virginia Council of Churches, believes the work of West Virginia's free clinics provides vital and needed access to health care for West Virginia's low-income working families.

Proposed rule changes by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy regarding how free clinics fill prescriptions raise concerns as to how the free clinics will continue to provide free medication. Before these rule changes are implemented, we encourage the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy and the free clinics to reach a consensus on the best way to achieve the twin goals of patient safety and access to free medication.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Allen
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Dear Mr. Potters,

The West Virginia Council of Churches advocates and supports affordable access to health care for all West Virginians. West Virginia's free clinics have embodied this goal for twenty-five years by providing health care and free medication for low-income working families. However, it has recently come to our attention that proposed policy changes by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy may impede access to free medication as dispensed by West Virginia's free clinics, thereby impacting the health of those in need.

Given the concerns raised by West Virginia's free clinics, it would seem reasonable to delay implementation of the proposed rule until such time as the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy and the free clinics can meet together in order to forge a solution that will ensure both the safety of patients and provide access to medication.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

The Board of Directors of WV Health Right has reviewed the proposed rules regarding 'Charitable Clinic Pharmacies' that have been submitted for public comment. While philosophically we agree with the Board of Pharmacy's oversight for our pharmacy, our concern is that procedurally the rules, as written, pose serious operational and financial problems for a non-profit clinic pharmacy.

As you know, WV Health Right is West Virginia's oldest and largest free clinic. Incorporated in 1982, the clinic has provided health care and treatment to over 230,000 impoverished uninsured West Virginians who have made more than 777,000 clinic visits. The vast majority of these visits have involved dispensing life-sustaining medications. Dispensing medicines to the poor, who would otherwise be unable to afford their cost, is an integral part of the services we provide.

WV Health Right has a history of working with drug manufacturers to secure free medications to dispense to patients. The clinic itself is designated as an "Institutional Patient Assistance Program (IPAP)" site by nine BRAND drug manufacturers and has always had excellent on-site audits by these drug companies. In FY 2008, almost $20 million of donated medications was dispensed by WV Health Right to its eligible patient population.

In late 2007, Governor Joe Manchin approached WV Health Right to expand its pharmacy program to enable West Virginia to access additional free medications for ANY uninsured West Virginian whose household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines. This program, known as WVRx, had its official ribbon cutting in late March 2008. To date, the project has enrolled hundreds of citizens from across the state and new enrollments are coming in daily. The implementation of a free medication program for West Virginia's working poor is a priority of Governor Manchin's. In the developmental stages of WVRx , it was made clear to the Governor and others that the WVRx project could not jeopardize the medical and dental care programs of WV Health Right.

WV Health Right's Board understands the Board of Pharmacy's position that free clinic patients should be afforded the same safety protections as any other citizen. In fact, we have had standardized controls, risk management, and quality assurance practices in place for over 25 years! Our attention to patient safety has worked—the Board of Pharmacy has never received a complaint or adverse event in our 26 years of operation. In addition, the Board of Pharmacy has been provided with a copy of our Quality Assurance database form and process which was adopted by our Board of Directors many years ago. Patient safety has always been and continues to be of UTMOST concern at WV Health Right.

It is important to understand that the foundation of WV Health Right's success rests with its hundreds of volunteers. Multiple collaborations exist among individuals, organizations, foundations, faith based entities, the private sector, and governmental agencies that allow us to sustain and improve health services for the less fortunate of the communities we serve.

Through WV Health Right's excellent working relationship with Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) and hundreds of other providers/organizations in the Kanawha Valley, the clinic has been able to offer outstanding comprehensive medical, dental, and pharmaceutical care and continue to grow with its ever expanding patient population. Our relationship with CAMC is 'special' including an agreement dealing with the pharmacy. CAMC provides WV Health Right with per-diem pharmacists four days a week. We supplement their time with volunteers and prescribers; we do NOT have a 'paid' pharmacist on staff. Consequently, adherence to the proposed rules will be burdensome at best and will divert scarce funds from direct patient care.

The repercussions of the Board of Pharmacy's rules would be harmful to WV: not only will lives be lost by hamstringing a system that works but uncompensated emergency room visits will increase the financial burden to the community and State while adding to the already massive emergency room department population. Indeed, the proposed rules not only create an additional expensive barrier to health care access, they are seriously detrimental to the health care system overall. But, mostly, the rules would be disastrous for the working poor of our State.

Following are specific issues currently contained in the rules as posted on the Secretary of State's website that we would like to have the Board of Pharmacy address and/or clarify:

1. **Sub- Section 2.1.4** introduces the term "Qualified Indigent Patient". We believe that the word indigent is a negative label for working poor people and would suggest the language be changed throughout to qualified patient.

2. **Section 3.1** states that a 'charitable clinic pharmacy' is considered to be a pharmacy and must follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein. Does this mean that our free clinic pharmacy must comply with <u>all</u> other rules of the Board of Pharmacy? Issues such as the need to purchase compounding materials and weights and measures when we don't compound, some labeling requirements when patients at WV Health Right are not 'assigned' a doctor, bars on the pharmacy window when there are no controlled drugs, additional separate security for the pharmacy when the clinic has extensive security and alarm systems, etc. represent an undue and unwarranted burden for free clinics. For example, about 15 years ago, special 'labeling' rules were allowed for free clinics; has the Board eliminated these? If so, when did these rules change and why were the clinics not informed?

   Procedures such as keeping the pharmacy under lock and key with the only key being in the hands of a pharmacist also pose unique challenges within the free clinic setting. If this procedure is applicable to free clinics, which volunteer pharmacist would be the 'holder' of the key? If a pharmacist is NOT available (except for the two hour window) is the pharmacy to be 'closed' and locked? Because samples and other medications are kept in the pharmacy, are prescribers not allowed access to the pharmacy to dispense medicine if a pharmacist is unavailable? Just last week, a patient from the upper Kanawha Valley (about an 1 ½ hour away) needed insulin after seeing the nurse practitioner and no pharmacist was onsite. Under proposed rules the patient would have to return another day, paying more for gasoline and taking time off of work to get life–sustaining insulin.

Does the Board acknowledge this as being wasteful and unnecessary? This is certainly NOT in the best health interest of the uninsured poor.

One final question regarding this section is whether the oversight and licensure language means that any non-profit that gives away medicine to the poor must be licensed by the Board? If so, does this mean that public health departments, behavioral health centers, the Welch free pharmacy program, state prisons and regional jails, etc. are subject to the same requirements? Hopefully, the Board of Pharmacy does not propose a double standard: one set of standards for state/county/city non-profit entities and another for private non-profits? If the Board proposes a single standard then it would seem to be in the best interest of "public awareness" to let those entities know that they are also subject to oversight and licensure.

3. **Section 4.1** states: Patient Dispensing. Prescriptions filled in a charitable clinic pharmacy may only be dispensed to qualified indigent patients of that pharmacy on lawful orders or prescriptions of practitioners authorized by law to prescribe or administer said drugs. Some classes of drugs do not require a prescription. We also have a question about Lyrica, a Class V drug that is being widely used to control the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis. Does this section mean that this Class V drug could not be dispensed at a charitable clinic pharmacy at all? Further, can the free clinic prescribe Lyrica and have the medication shipped from the manufacturer to the patient's home and not violate this rule?

4. **Sub-Section 4.2.1** states that all prescriptions filled by the charitable clinic pharmacy must be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner prior to be dispensed. Does a pharmacist have to be physically on site in order for medications to be dispensed? Can medications be dispensed by a pharmacy technician without a pharmacist on-site AFTER a pharmacist has checked the prescription? Can other licensed professionals (MD, DO, DDS, FNP,RN, CMA) give medications to patients when there is no pharmacist or pharmacy technician on site?

5. **Sub-Section 4.2.3** states that any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist present for up to two hours during the clinic charitable pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1. Because the clinic relies on volunteer pharmacists, this two hour window requirement raises real concerns for us. First, it appears that the pharmacy would be locked when no pharmacist is onsite, even though prescribers can dispense medicine according to their licensing boards. Second, if there is a three hour gap between providers is the pharmacy to be locked? If a pharmacist leaves and there is a several hour delay before another pharmacist is onsite (or before a prescriber arrives to volunteer) is the pharmacy technician to leave and lock the pharmacy? Is the technician to be 'on-call' and available to work at any given time when a volunteer prescriber is on-site or is the charitable clinic to pay the technician when the pharmacy is locked? WV Heath Right's pharmacy is busy all day every day. When does the Board anticipate that the pharmacy would be inaccessible to patients needing life-sustaining drugs?

6. **Section 4.3** states that the charitable clinic pharmacy shall not charge any fee for dispensing of prescription drug samples or prescription legend drugs to qualified indigent patients of the charitable clinic pharmacy. This charitable clinic receives a $3.00 fee per prescription filled. Is this considered by the Board to be 'any fee' and therefore prohibited? If so, it will cost our clinic over $100,000 of lost revenues.

7. **Section 4.4** states that *strict screening guidelines based on needs assessment shall be developed by the charitable clinic pharmacy to determine who is eligible as a qualified indigent patient. This may be accomplished in conjunction with the clinic itself, and documented through a patient medical record shared between the charitable clinic pharmacy and the clinic itself.*
WV Health Right's medical patient population is primarily comprised of patients whose household incomes, DISCOUNTED by ongoing medical expenses, are at or below the Federal Poverty Level guidelines; proof of income must be supplied annually. There is some patient eligibility fluctuation based on on-going medical expenses and the specific drug manufacturer's program requirements. For example, Hepatitis C patients' eligibility is determined by a lack of insurance, health status, life style, and moderate income. Glaxo, on the other hand, has set their patient assistance program eligibility at 400% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines. Of course, all pertinent information is documented in the patients' medical records and the clinic's implementation of the HealtheWV electronic medical records system allows real time status updates and prescription ordering by the providers directly to the pharmacy. What other needs assessment is the Board referencing? We are concerned that the Board not propose to disallow charitable clinics access to free medications from drug companies based solely on income when the manufacturers themselves have developed their own set of standards to address unique circumstances. We therefore, need clarification on this issue also.

8. **Section 4.5** states that all screening guidelines, needs assessments, and revisions shall be submitted to the Board upon request. Although these records can be supplied, does the Board require retail pharmacies to submit needs assessments, guidelines, fee schedules, etc. upon request by the Board or is this an additional requirement only for charitable clinic pharmacies?

9. **Section 5.1:** As it relates to Section 5.1 and its conditions, is the Board aware that free clinics received special consideration by the FDA when it interpreted the Prescription Drug Marketing Act (PDMA)? Are these provisions left intact or has the Board superseded those allowances and made the process of receiving and dispensing samples more onerous?

10. **Sub-Section 5.3.1** states that a pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy must have a valid prescription prior to dispensing a sample drug to a patient. It is not clear in this section if prescribers can dispense 'samples' from the pharmacy. Is it the intent of the rule to NOT allow doctors to dispense samples that are kept in a pharmacy instead of a 'medication closet'? Are 'dispensing physicians' going to have special provisions imposed by the Board which regulate HOW dispensing must be done at a charitable clinic pharmacy?

11. **Section 6** Pharmacist-In-Charge Responsibilities: what are the liability issues of the Pharmacist-In-Charge (PIC)? Is this person responsible for all actions that occur in the charitable clinic pharmacy? Is he/she legally responsible for every volunteer pharmacist, per-diem pharmacist, pharmacy intern and technician with access to the charitable clinic pharmacy? If the Board's intent is to allow prescribers' access to the pharmacy to dispense medications to patients is the PIC liable for their actions as well? Are there fines imposed by the Board associated with this position? This provision represents a "liability nightmare" for the charitable clinic; moreover, since our insurance coverage is provided through BRIM, this provision may entirely change our status thus jeopardizing our coverage and/or resulting in premium increases. As stated previously, any additional administrative and overhead costs to the clinic impacts patient services.

12. **Sub-Section 6.2 (e)** states that manifests for donated drugs that are dispensed or destroyed are created or maintained at the charitable clinic pharmacy for two (2) years from the date of

destruction. When the FDA interpreted the PDMA, it did NOT require the same tracking and manifest provisions for free clinics as it did for others. If the Board is now requiring additional and separate tracking of donated versus purchased medications, a major and costly re-programming of our QS1 pharmacy computer will be required. If the drug manufacturer/donor and PDMA do not have this requirement, why does the Board of Pharmacy? Further, who will pay the costs associated with this tracking and manifests provision?

13. **Sub-Section 6.2 (f)** states that dispensing errors are documented and reported monthly to the Board. Are retail pharmacies required to report dispensing errors to the Board monthly? WHY is this additional standard applied to charitable clinics? If the issue of errors, recalls, disposal of out-dated medication are covered in the clinic's Quality Assurance Policy and the clinic is subject to inspection and licensure, isn't that sufficient?

When you have the answers to these questions we will be able to determine the costs of implementing these rules. We envision that the costs could be upward of $300,000 depending upon how the Board interprets its rules. Does the Board assume that these costs will be borne, in part, by an increase in funding from the State of WV, since the WV DHHR is a significant part of our funding base or are free clinics to cut back on services to the uninsured poor? WV Health Right is stretched to accommodate its growing patient population and charitable funding resources are scarce. Where does the Board propose these additional implementation costs might come from?

Thank you for your consideration of these questions and the need to clarify many areas of the proposed rules as outlined above. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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To The Board of Pharmacy:

I have volunteered for years at the West Virginia Health Right Clinic. As Clinical Director overseeing the Emergency Departments of CAMC, this is definitely going to make the ER overcrowding worse.

This part of Health Right has work superbly well in the last 26 years. If it is not broken, it does not need to be fixed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Potters:

This letter is written on behalf of the ten (10) free health clinics located throughout the state, but especially WV Health Right of Charleston. Below is a short synopsis of our organization and how our residents would suffer without a realistic prescription service from that entity.

The Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, Inc. a transitional home for male, newly recovering alcoholics and related addictive drugs users who are serious about maintaining their sobriety and willing to work towards the opportunity to begin a new life. Our mission is to continue to support newly recovering, male alcoholics and drug abusers who are serious about their recovery, and strive to move beyond traditional, transitional housing through education, counseling and proactive recovery efforts. Our specific desired outcome is for all of our residents to leave here with their lives in a proactive recovery mode, re-establish family and friends relationships, obtain a career/work that gives them satisfaction and a livable income, become productive members of their community and live at peace within themselves and those with whom they interact. And, maintain a relationship with our home as mentors and as a safety net. Our programs are designed to challenge the residents to face their deepest fears, accept responsibility for their actions, receive direction, learn to confront and manage their emotions, forgive their guilt and nurture their spirituality. Building principle, integrity and character are cornerstones of our programs and we endeavor to instill self-restraint and self-discipline. We try to help our residents re-train, re-think, re-educate and re-evaluate themselves as substance abusers. Over the forty plus year history of this organization, hundreds of recovering alcoholics and addicts have become whole individuals; returning to society at large, our local community and to their families as productive citizens without the guilt, embarrassment and humiliation of addiction.

We serve people of all races, backgrounds and income levels. Ninety-nine percent of our residents are from the fringes of society, have little money and certainly no financial assets - real or personal property. Most come from broken and/or dysfunctional homes, have minimal education and/or job skills, owe back taxes and are in arrears for child support. We serve the entire state, including some adjacent states, but primary focus has been the Kanawha valley area. We try to work in concert with Prestera Center, Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center, West Virginia Health Right, West Virginia Department of Corrections, Southway at Thomas Memorial

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Dear Mr. Potters,

On behalf of West Virginians for Affordable Health Care (WVAHC), I am submitting comments on the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy's proposed Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies. WVAHC is a public interest organization working on systemic health care reform issues.

Dr. George Pickett, former Director of the West Virginia Health Department, raised the issue of what is the justification for the proposed regulations. Have there been documented, repeated and serious errors by the charitable clinic pharmacies? If so, will the draft regulation prevent the occurrence of these errors in the future? And, finally, if there are documented, repeated and serious errors by the charitable clinic pharmacies, are there less intrusive, less burdensome regulations that the Board of Pharmacy can develop that will address these errors at the charitable clinic pharmacies?

All of these threshold questions should be addressed before the Board of Pharmacy proceeds with development of regulations governing the charitable clinic pharmacies.

WVAHC concerns are the same ones that we expressed during the public hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 722 before the House Health and Human Resources Committee. Basically, that: a) Free clinics provide an invaluable service to uninsured West Virginians and these patients would have limited or no access to pharmaceutical drugs other than through the free clinics. b) That the free clinics are financially fragile, and any regulation developed by the Board of Pharmacy should recognize the very limited resources that free clinics have at their disposal. And c) that the Board of Pharmacy has a history of being heavy handed, and not consumer friendly. Our concerns expressed six months ago have come to fruition.

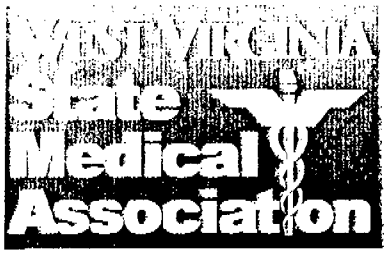
Following the House Health and Human Resources Committee's consideration of SB 722, I requested that you notify me of any discussions on the developed of the draft regulations. While you agreed, I was not notified of the Flatwoods meeting to discuss the draft regulation. Following that meeting, I again contact you and asked that I be notified of future meetings. You took down my contact information, but failed to notify me of an additional meeting.

Given this lack of input by the public in the development of the draft regulations; given the fact that the Board of Pharmacy has decided not to hold public hearings on the draft regulation so there could be a robust discussion of the draft regulation and possible alternative approaches; and given the fact that the end of the comment period is 3:00 PM on August 29, 2008 and that agency approved regulations are to be filed with the Secretary of State's office by 5:00 PM on August 29, 2008; one can only conclude that the public comments will not be given full weight and consideration by the Board of Pharmacy. Indeed, it appears that the public participation in the development of these draft regulations is a sham, and that the Board of Pharmacy is, in all likelihood, going to finalize the draft regulations in a similar or identical manner as the draft regulations, regardless of public comments.

WVAHC believes that compromise regulations could and should have been developed by the Board of Pharmacy. It is regretful that this opportunity was loss, at least for the time being.

Sincerely,

Perry Bryant



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August 27, 2008

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RE: Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies Rule, 15 CSR 13

Dear Mr. Potters,

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule regulating charitable clinic pharmacies. We are submitting the following comments on behalf of the West Virginia State Medical Association (WVSMA) and the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (WVAFP).

The WVSMA and the WVAFP recognize that it is the role of the Board of Pharmacy to regulate pharmacies in the state of West Virginia. However, by statute it is the role of the Boards of Medicine and Osteopathy to regulate the physicians of this state. We have significant concern with the Board of Pharmacy's proposed language which we think improperly infringes into the realm of the Medical and Osteopathic Boards.

In §15-13-4, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, and 4.2.3 of your rule we believe that the Board of Pharmacy has not only overstepped its jurisdiction but also the reach of the law as promulgated in SB 722. These subsections of your rule are designed to dictate how a physician (or any other prescriber) dispenses medication within a charitable clinic. The rule not only stipulates functions that a prescriber must complete (checking the medications) but additionally aims to place a pharmacist technician in a supervisory position over the physician as it relates to the dispensing of medications.

Senate Bill 722 was, as you know, hotly debated prior to its passage. The Legislature took deliberate and definitive steps to clarify that the Board of Pharmacy is in no way a regulatory body for licensed prescribers. West Virginia Code §30-5-21(b) specifically exempts physicians, dentists and veterinarians from regulation of the Board of Pharmacy. West Virginia Code §30-5-21(c) specifically clarifies that "a legally licensed and qualified practitioner of medicine or dentistry may supply medicines to patients that he or she treats in a free clinic and that he or she deems appropriate".

The Board of Medicine has set the precedent as it relates to regulating the dispensing of medications by a physician. Since July 1, 1989 the Board of Medicine has had in place a rule, 11 CSR 5, which regulates the dispensing of legend drugs by physicians and podiatrists. The Board of Medicine in fact issues a dispensing license to physicians and podiatrists who dispense drugs in their offices or clinics. It is of particular importance that you understand that physicians and podiatrists are exempted from this rule under section 3.3(c) if they are dispensing in a "free clinic or under West Virginia state authorized programs including medicaid, family planning, maternal and child health, and early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) programs".

As a matter of public policy the Board of Medicine, Legislature and Governor recognized nearly twenty years ago and have maintained throughout this time the need to differentiate between the dispensing practices at regular physician offices and clinics and the operations of free clinics and government programs for the indigent and the public health of our children and families.

The proposed rule by the Board of Pharmacy should not be written to create an internal conflict between professional licensure boards where another rule addresses the same function. Additionally, this rule should not be written to create an internal conflict with its own governing law. Physicians practicing in charitable clinics are specifically exempt from the rule as stipulated in SB 722 and that should remain the case. The WVSMA and the WVAFP recommend that the Board of Pharmacy remove from this proposed rule any reference to control, supervise or limit a prescribing practitioner's functions in a charitable clinic, as found in the rule's subsections at 4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3.

There is another rule with which this proposed rule by the Board of Pharmacy also has an internal conflict. It is 15 CSR 1, the Board of Pharmacy Rules Regarding Licensure and the Practice of Pharmacy. Under §15-1-1, 2.1.30 "outpatient pharmacy" is defined to specifically exclude free clinics and physician offices.

Your proposed rule also clarifies under §15-13-4, 4.1 that a "charitable clinic pharmacy shall not purchase, possess, trade, distribute, or dispense controlled substances". We question as to whether it in the best interest of the public health to prohibit *all* controlled substances including schedule IV and V drugs from these facilities. Is there a reason why the poor and indigent can not obtain controlled substances in free clinics while these drugs may be dispensed in a "for profit" medical practice?

We are also concerned that "charitable clinic pharmacies" as defined in this rule is overbroad and may apply to all primary care and other not-for-profit clinics that from time to time dispense pharmaceuticals free of charge to qualified indigent patients whether they actually have a "pharmacy" or not; e.g. 340b programs, women's health programs, family planning, school-based health clinics, etc. We are most concerned that these facilities may not be aware of the Board's attempt to regulate them, if indeed that is your intent.

In light of the significant concerns articulated above, the WVSMA and the WVAFP respectfully request that you withdraw this rule and encourage all affected parties to meet to assist the Board of Pharmacy in developing workable language. We welcome the opportunity to work with you to develop a proposed rule that meets the legislative parameters of S.B. 722, doesn't conflict with current statutory provisions or state professional licensure rules, continues access to needed prescription medications, and protects patient safety.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed rule and hope that you find our comments helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact our organizations with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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Re: The Public Comments of the West Virginia Association of Free Clinics to the Proposed Rules for the Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies – W.Va. Code R. §§ 15-13-1-9 (2008)

Dear David:

I submit the following public comments on behalf of my client, The West Virginia Association of Free Clinics (hereinafter referred to as the "WVAFC"). The WVAFC respectfully requests that the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") reconsider the proposed rules it submitted to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office on July 30, 2008. On several occasions prior to this submission, I informed you and your Board about numerous issues the WVAFC has with the proposed rules titled at W.Va. Code R. §§ 15-13-1-9 (2008) (hereinafter referred interchangeably to as the "Rules" or "Proposed Rules"). My client agrees the Board has made an effort to propose Rules with some flexibility and consideration of the ten (10) community based free clinics serving West Virginians every day. However, many aspects of the Proposed Rules limit, curtail and threaten the free clinics' ability to provide comprehensive and free primary health care to their patients, including free prescription drugs. The implementation of the Board's rules will eliminate all of the free clinics' prescription programs throughout the State of West Virginia. In order to prevent their patients from facing life altering ailments and diseases without their vital prescription drugs, the WVAFC respectfully submits its public comments in opposition and requests that the Board withdraw its Rules. The WVAFC continues to seek an opportunity to sit down with the Board to find a solution to provide safe, free prescription drug services to West Virginia citizens who do not have access to health care other than from a free clinic.

I. The Creation of West Virginia Nonprofit, Community Based Free Health Clinics

The West Virginia Legislature has historically recognized and fulfilled its obligation and duty to promote the physical and mental health of its citizens by creating programs that prevent disease, injury and disability. Under the auspices of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the West Virginia Legislature created a system of Basic Public Health Services as defined and set forth in W.Va. Code §§ 16-1-1-18 (2006). In furtherance of its

commitment to the citizens of its state, in 1992 the West Virginia Legislature, acting through the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, created the Primary Care Support Program pursuant to W.Va. Code §§ 16-24-1-4 (2006). The Primary Care Support Program has and continues to be instrumental in providing basic medical and dental services to West Virginia residents that do not have sufficient access to primary health care.

Prior to 1992, several independent, free health clinics were operating in West Virginia on very small budgets. The Primary Care Support Program created a financial and regulatory framework for these free health clinics. Based on the West Virginia Legislature's dedication of funds and resources, new free health clinics were established throughout the state and those clinics in existence prior to 1992, were able to expand their services and patient base. Through the implementation of the Primary Care Support Program, the nonprofit, community-based free health clinics were able to fulfill the goal of promoting the physical and mental health of all needy West Virginia citizens. Over the years, this effort was expanded to provide dental care to individuals with unmet needs. As a direct result of achieving the Legislative goals of providing free, cost-efficient medical and dental care under the programs created and implemented by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the nonprofit, community-based medical and dental clinics logically extended their services to their patients. To wit, the free health clinics commenced providing no cost drug therapies to their patients as part of their basic health care services.

II. Legislative History of S.B. 722

During late 2007 or early 2008, the West Virginia Legislature was approached by the Board of Pharmacy concerning the free clinics' free prescription programs. Prior to these discussions, the Board unilaterally determined the free health clinics' program of providing no cost drug therapies to its patients, needed to be formally recognized and placed under the Board's regulatory framework.

It is undisputed that when the Board decided the free clinics' prescription programs needed to be placed under its regulatory power, it had not received a single complaint about these programs. Prior to 2008, the free clinics created and implemented safe, efficient prescription programs and quality control standards. Despite this exemplary record, at no time prior to February 2008 did the Board contact the WVAFC or the Executive Directors of the state's nine free clinics to advise of its decision to seek legislation placing their free prescription drug programs under its jurisdiction. The legislation was drafted and submitted to the West Virginia Senate's Heath and Human Resources Committee. On February 18, 2008, a bill titled S.B. 722 was introduced in the West Virginia Senate. Even though the Board knew the impact S.B. 722 would have on free clinics and their free prescription drug programs, no effort was made to advise them of the bill's introduction.

The original version of S.B. 722 proposed the amendment of three statutes pertaining to the Board of Pharmacy. These amendments were:

a. W.Va. Code §- 30-5-3: As amended this statute would make it unlawful for "... any ambulatory health care facility, as that term is defined in section one, article five-b, chapter sixteen... that offers pharmaceutical

care or a facility operated to provide health care or mental health care services free of charge or at a reduced rate that offers pharmaceutical care" to permit anyone other than a pharmacist to compound or dispense prescriptions or refills;

b. W.Va. §30-5-14: The amended statute, if enacted, would require all "ambulatory health care facilities (edited), as that term is defined in section one, article five-b, chapter sixteen... that offers pharmaceutical care or a facility operated to provide health care or mental health care services free of charge or at a reduced rate that offers pharmaceutical care" to submit an annual registration application to the Board; and,

c. W.Va. § 30-5-21: Remarkably, the Board requested the exclusion of "..... ambulatory health care facilities (edited), as that term is defined in section one, article 5-b, chapter sixteen.... that offers pharmaceutical care or a facility operated to provide health care or mental health care services free of charge or at a reduced rate that offers pharmaceutical care" from a medical practitioner, dentist or veterinarian's ability to provide free prescriptions.

The Board's clear goal of introducing S.B. 722 in its original version was to forever extinguish the free clinic's ability to provide free prescription drug therapies to their patients unless they employed a licensed, full-time pharmacist. Senate Bill 277 also attempted to prohibit duly licensed medical practitioners and dentists from providing free drug prescriptions to their patients on the sole basis they volunteered or worked at a free health or dental clinic. If these same doctors and dentists worked at a "for profit" health care facility, they could legally provide the free prescriptions. Furthermore, under this original version, S.B. 722 allowed veterinarians to provide free prescriptions for animals while denying this same service to the uninsured or underinsured citizens of West Virginia.

The Board's decision to propose this legislation defied all logic. Nevertheless, the Board's Executive Director testified before the legislature in support of this version, but his words illustrated his inability to comprehend how these three amendments, if enacted, outlawed the free clinics' ability to provide hundreds of thousands patients with over $50 million of free prescriptions on an annual basis. Absent from the Board's legislation was any comment or proposal of how the free clinics' patients would continue receiving free prescription drugs for their chronic and life threatening medical conditions including, but not limited to, cancer, lymphoma, hypertension, diabetes and depression, if the legislation was enacted.

The WVAFC first learned of S.B. 722 on February 21, 2008 when it was presented for the first reading in the Senate. Information about the bill was distributed to the executive directors of the nine free health care clinics. Not by the Board, but by chance when one Executive Director happened to review the day's legislative calendar. Senate Bill 722 was then "fast tracked" through the Senate with the second and third readings occurring, respectively, on February 22 and 25, 2008. At this point in the

legislative process, the WVAFC immediately approached the West Virginia Legislature seeking an explanation of the bill's intent and the Board's justification for the legislation. Despite its request, the WVAFC did not receive a response from the Board. The bill advanced moving into the House of Delegates on February 27, 2008.

The WVAFC and the Executive Directors of the nine free clinics approached members of the House of Delegates and the Senate to inform them of the dire consequences S.B. 722 would have on their free prescription drug programs. Numerous Delegates and Senators responded to these concerns and over the Board's objections, agreed to amend S.B. 722 in an attempt to preserve the free clinics' prescription programs. Members of both chambers collaborated to draft amendments creating an entity now known as "charitable clinic pharmacies." The intent of these amendments was to insure the free clinics' ability to provide qualified patients with free prescription medications as part of their comprehensive program of primary health care. Representations were made to the WVAFC and the executive directors of the free clinics that S.B. 722 would "not hurt the free prescription programs" and the Board of Pharmacy agreed with the amendments.

Amended S.B. 722 was then combined with S.B. Nos. 518 and 586 (both allowing pharmacists to dispense prescriptions remotely and administer immunizations) and the comprehensive reform of various Board of Pharmacy statutes was passed by the House and Senate on March 8, 2008. Senate Bill 722 was approved by the Governor on April 1, 2008 and signed into law. Specifically, the final version of S.B. 722 expressly created safeguards and protections for free clinics and their free prescription programs. These safeguards and protections included the following:

1. Created "charitable clinic pharmacies" and defined them as "... a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation that offers pharmaceutical care and dispenses prescriptions free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified indigent patients." W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b(3) (As Amended, 2008);

2. Required charitable clinic pharmacies to meet the **minimum standards for a pharmacy.** W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b(3) (As Amended, 2008);

3. Directed the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate legislative rules creating these minimum pharmacy standards. W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b(3) (As Amended, 2008);

4. Exempted charitable clinic pharmacies from licensing fees. W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b(3) (As Amended, 2008);

5. Permitted charitable clinic pharmacies to receive donated drugs. W.Va. Code § 30-5-1B(3) (As Amended, 2008).

6. Redefined the definition of a pharmacist-in-charge for charitable pharmacies. W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b(3) (As Amended, 2008); and

7. Most importantly, held that "...**The charitable clinic pharmacies shall be exempt from licensure by the board until rules are in effect for a charitable clinic pharmacy.**"

The West Virginia Legislature explicitly stated in S.B. 722 that charitable clinic pharmacies, operating at the existing free health care clinics, were only subject to **minimum pharmacy standards** to be created by the Board through the promulgation of legislative rules. Not the existing pharmacy laws applicable to retail "for profit" pharmacies such as Walmart, Rite Aid and CVS. During the amendment process of S.B. 722, the Board of Pharmacy clearly represented to all members of the West Virginia Legislature that by creating charitable clinic pharmacies and redefining the pharmacist-in-charge specifically for them, the nine free health care clinics would not be required to employ a full or part-time pharmacist to compound, fill, refill and dispense free prescription medications. Further, the free clinics could continue to utilize existing, in place, quality control and safety standards to provide free prescription medications in accordance with their existing programs. Based on these representations, the West Virginia Legislature passed S.B. 722. The House and Senate were and continue to be completely committed to the mission of the free clinics of providing qualified patients with their life saving medications, free of charge.

Subsequent to the passage of S.B. 722, the members of the House and Senate asked the WVAFC to meet with the Board of Pharmacy and begin collaborating on proposed legislative rules for charitable clinics. Immediately, the WVAFC requested a meeting for the middle week of March 2008. The Board did not respond. Not to be deterred in its effort to resolve this critical issue, the WVAFC renewed their meeting request several times until the Board responded and agreed to meet on April 22, 2008 in Flatwoods, West Virginia. This meeting went forward and became unproductive. The WVAFC approached the meeting with an understanding the Board was to propose legislative rules for S.B. 722 based on the amendments and its representations to the West Virginia Legislature, which included the free clinics not being required to employ a full or part-time pharmacist. The Board disputed these points and advised the WVAFC of the following:

1. S.B. 722 required all free clinics with charitable clinic pharmacies to employ, at its own expense and without additional funding, a full or part-time licensed pharmacist. This pharmacist must be on site at all times when free prescription drugs were compounded, filled, refilled and dispensed. No exceptions would be allowed.

2. If a free clinic operated a charitable clinic pharmacy by allowing a registered pharmacy technician to compound, fill, refill or dispense free prescription drugs without direct supervision from a licensed pharmacist, it was

in violation of S.B. 722. The free clinic could be disciplined for its actions and the pharmacy technician would lose his or her license;

3. Charitable Clinic Pharmacies must comply with all West Virginia laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of "for profit" pharmacies. This was contrary to S.B. 722 which stated charitable clinic pharmacies could operate under minimum standards to be created specifically for them;

4. Charitable Clinic Pharmacies could be entered and inspected by the Board's investigators. If violations were found, the free clinic could face punishment, including the revocation of its license;

5. Contrary to the express language of S.B. 722, charitable clinic pharmacies were not exempt from the licensure requirements until rules were promulgated and passed. They must abide by all rules commencing on July 1 2008;

6. The Board of Pharmacy would exclusively draft the proposed rules to implement S.B. 722 before July 30, 2008. The free clinics would not have an opportunity to collaborate;

7. S.B. 722, based on the Board's implementation and interpretation, created an unfunded mandate because the free clinics were required to employ a full time pharmacist without additional funding from state government. When this issue was raised, the Board responded the free clinics had to solve the funding issue on their own.

8. The free clinics could no longer operate a physician "drug closet" at their locations. Licensed medical practitioners volunteering at or employed by free clinics could write the prescription order but only a pharmacist could compound, fill, refill and dispense the free prescription medicine.

The WVAFC left the Flatwoods meeting very disappointed with the Board's position and requested the intervention of the bill's sponsors from the House of Delegates and Senate. These legislators quickly responded and requested the parties meet again on May 16 and 17, 2008 at the West Virginia Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia.

All parties were represented at these meetings. Those present included: the Executive Director and Legal Counsel for the Board of Pharmacy; three Board of Pharmacy members; West Virginia Senators and their staff counsel; the Executive Director of the WVAFC; Executive Directors from the free health care and dental clinics; counsel for the Susan Dew Hoff Dental Clinic; counsel for the West Virginia Board of Medicine; and, the undersign as counsel for the WVAFC and President of the Board of Directors of Health Access, Inc. (the free medical clinic in Clarksburg, West Virginia.) The Senators expressed their concerns with the Board's position on S.B. 722 because it was never intended to require the free health care clinics to employ full or part-time pharmacists to provide free prescription medications to the clinics' qualified patients. In

contrast, during the meeting, the Senators informed the Board of their mandate that free clinics could continue operating their free prescription drug programs "as is" with only the imposition of minimum pharmacy requirements related to health and safety, quality control and tracking programs. The Board accepted the Senator's mandates and agreed to the following:

1. Free clinics operating a free charitable clinic pharmacy were not required to employ a full or part-time pharmacist to compound, fill, refill or dispense any type of free prescription drug;

2. Charitable clinic pharmacies were subject only to minimum pharmacy standards jointly drafted by the Board and WVAFC in a collaborative effort;

3. The new rules' focus will be on quality control issues, inspection powers based on criteria specifically for charitable free clinics, the creation of a pharmacist-in-charge position for the charitable pharmacies and maximizing the free clinics' ability to provide free prescription services to as many qualified patients as possible;

4. To withdraw the Board's position that S.B. 722 controlled a licensed medical practitioner's ability to order and dispense free prescription drugs if he or she was employed by or volunteered at a free health care clinic; and

5. To work with the WVAFC and create an open dialogue for the drafting and promulgation of legislative rules for S.B. 722. All parties agreed to the WVAFC and the Board drafting proposed rules, exchanging them during early July 2008, meeting again to agree on final proposed rules and submitting the rules for public comment before the July 30, 2008 deadline.

The WVAFC and the Executive Directors of the free clinics unanimously agreed to these points and renewed their commitment to form a collaborative relationship with the Board to draft S.B. 722 legislative rules.

On or about July 4, 2008, the WVAFC and counsel for the Board of Pharmacy exchanged proposed legislative Rules for S.B. 722. Immediately, the undersign wrote a letter to Mr. Potters asking for a meeting to discuss several important issues created by the Board's proposed Rules. No response was provided. On two additional occasions, the undersign sent letters again requesting an opportunity to meet and address the WVAFC's concerns. No response was forthcoming. On July 30, 2008, Mr. Potters submitted the current rules to the West Virginia Secretary of State for public comment. This course of conduct went against the May 16th agreement and the express wishes of the Senator who sponsored S.B. 722. If provided the chance, the WVAFC would have the same concerns that are now set forth in its public comments. The undersign exhausted every avenue to avoid the necessity of making the WVAFC's concerns and criticisms public. However, because these efforts were refuted, the undersign provides the WVAFC's position on the proposed Rules through the public comment process.

III. Fiscal Costs and Charitable Pharmacy Laws of Other States

In its Proposed Rules, the Board represents to the public it will only cost $4,500.00 to implement the rules from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. No explanation or basis is provided but this figure is obviously wrong. The true cost will run into millions of dollars. Hereinafter, the WVAFC describes in detail, the additional costs being imposed on them by the Board's proposed rules.

Using the charitable pharmacy laws from other states to establish West Virginia's programs is impractical. Most, if not all, of these states followed a different procedure than West Virginia. The states drafted their charitable pharmacy laws and rules first and then created these entities. Additional, the legislatures of these states sufficiently funded the charitable pharmacies to comply with the laws and rules. In West Virginia, free health care clinics have operated free prescription drug programs for over twenty-five years before the Board decided to regulate them in 2008 by S.B. 722. This approach is the proverbial "putting the car ahead of the horse." What must happen in order for S.B. 722 to work is the Board drafting the proposed rules to include the free clinic's current free prescription drug programs policies and quality control standards. The only other option is for the West Virginia Legislature to appropriate $10 million in funds during fiscal year 2008-2009 to the Free Clinics and $1.5 million per year thereafter so they can comply with the Board's proposed rules.

IV. Public Comments to Proposed Rules

§ 15-1.2.1.38. "Pharmacist-in-charge" means a pharmacist currently licensed in this state who:

a. Accepts responsibility for the operation of a pharmacy in conformance with all state and federal laws and rules pertinent to the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs;

b. Has the responsibility for the practice of pharmacy, as defined in this rule, at the pharmacy for which he or she is pharmacist-in-charge. The pharmacy permit holder has responsibility for all other functions, administrative and operational, of the pharmacy. The pharmacist-in-charge may advise the pharmacy permit holder on administrative and operational matters but following such advice shall not be legally responsible; and

c. Works at least 30 hours per week with the pharmacist-in-charge working at least three days per week in that pharmacy, including the use of any accrued annual or sick leave; Provided that, in any pharmacy which is open on average less than 40 hours per week in a calendar year, he or she must work in the pharmacy a majority of the hours that the pharmacy is open (e.g., if open 20 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work 11 hours per week within the pharmacy); and

d. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection c. above, with regard to a pharmacist-in-charge in a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy, if the pharmacy is open an average L of more than 40 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work at least 8

hours per calendar month; if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open on average at least 30 and up to 40 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work in the charitable clinic pharmacy at least 6 hours per calendar month; if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open on average at least 15 and up to 30 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work in the charitable clinic pharmacy at least 4 hours per calendar month; if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open on average at least 5 and up to 15 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work 2 hours per calendar month; and, if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open less than 5 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work in the charitable clinic pharmacy the lesser of 2 hours per month or 50% of the hours the charitable clinic pharmacy is open.

Charitable Clinic Pharmacy hours per week	Hours required by PIC per month
More than 40	8
30 to 40	6
15 to 30	4
5 to 15	2
Less than 5	The lesser of 2 or 50% of hours open

§ 15-1-20.1. A pharmacy may not operate without a pharmacist-in-charge (hereinafter "PIC'), who shall be designated on the application for a pharmacy license, and in each license renewal. A pharmacist may not serve as PIC unless he or she is physically present in the pharmacy a sufficient amount of time to provide supervision and control. A pharmacist may not serve as PIC for more than one pharmacy at any one time. Provided that, he or she may volunteer as the pharmacist-in-charge at a charitable clinic pharmacy while serving as a PIC in another pharmacy.

This section of the proposed rule contradicts the Legislature's intent when it amended S.B. 722. Under this rule, a charitable clinic pharmacy is required to hire a licensed West Virginia pharmacist to serve as the "pharmacist-in-charge"(hereinafter referred to as "PIC"). In contrast, the Legislature did not want charitable clinic pharmacies burdened with this requirement or to incur this additional cost. This rule also negates the agreement reached at the May 16 and 17, 2008 meetings in Charleston wherein the Board agreed not to require free health care clinics to employ a full time pharmacist. Accordingly, this aspect of the proposed rule should be withdrawn. In the alternative, the rule should be revised to strike the requirement of employing a full time pharmacist.

Notwithstanding these substantive defects, this proposed rule cannot be realistically implemented to achieve the intended purpose of free clinics employing a "pharmacist-in-charge" at its charitable pharmacy. It is inconceivable that a West Virginia licensed pharmacist will agree to serve as a PIC under this rule. The Board's rule requires a PIC at a charitable clinic pharmacy to:

1. **Accept responsibility for the pharmacy's conformance to all state and federal laws related to the distribution of prescription drugs;**

2. **Have the responsibility for all pharmacy-related administrative and operational functions;**

3. **Physically be present in the pharmacy to provide supervision and control; and,**

4. **Accept all aspects of liability for the charitable clinic pharmacy regardless if the PIC is a non-compensated volunteer or paid employee.**

It is unfathomable a licensed pharmacist will agree to serve as a PIC at a charitable clinic pharmacy under these conditions. The pharmacist's license will be placed on the line if there is any violation of a state or federal pharmacy-related law, rule, or regulation. Clearly a volunteer PIC will not agree to subject his or her career to this risk. A PIC employed by a free health clinic will also be hesitant to take on this responsibility when compared to the limited amount of compensation, if any, the free clinic could pay. From an implementation standpoint, a free health care clinic can not achieve the PIC requirement and, as a result, could not operate a charitable clinic pharmacy. The unavoidable effect will be the free clinics' inability to continue the free prescription drug programs for their qualified patients.

§15-13-2. Definitions.

2.1. The following terms and phrases as used in this Rule shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

2.1.1. "Charitable clinic pharmacy" means a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation that offers pharmaceutical care and dispenses prescriptions free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified indigent patients. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall meet the minimum standards for a pharmacy as set forth in this article and by legislative rule promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy, but may not be charged any applicable licensing fees. A charitable clinic pharmacy may have pharmacists-in-charge, as that term is defined in this section, who volunteers his or her services. A charitable clinic may also receive donated drugs.

Section 2.1.1 is drafted too broadly. S.B. 722 is only to apply to charitable clinic pharmacies operated by the nine free health care clinics in the state. The rule expands the scope and jurisdiction of S.B. 722 through this opened-ended definition. All not-for-profit health care corporations, whether privately or government funded, are being placed under the Board's control. This is contrary to the Legislature's intent and should be redrafted. Section 2.1.1 fails to identify "the minimum standards" that govern charitable clinic pharmacies. Without this identification, the Board is subjecting the free clinics' charitable clinic pharmacies to all pharmacy-related statutes, rules and regulations governing "for profit" retail pharmacies. This is also contrary to Legislative intent and express mandate. This rule should define and list the minimum standards being referred to by the Board.

The WVAFC requests the term "indigent" be stricken from the entirety of these Rules. The free clinics provide free prescription services to patients with many different socioeconomic backgrounds. Using the term "indigent" is demeaning and unacceptable. This term conjures up an image which is inconsistent with the patients served by the clinics every day. Many of the patients are hard working individuals who simply do not have access to health insurance. "Indigent" should be stricken and replaced with the phrase "screened and qualified patients." "Indigent" should be removed from the entire Rule for these reasons.

2.1.2. "Charitable organization" means an organization which operates a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation which is qualified as a charitable organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or its successor.

Section 2.1.2 is also written too broadly. Because S.B. 722 only applies to free clinics with free prescription programs, § 2.1.2 should be amended to state "...means an organization which operates a non-profit, community based health and dental clinic as defined by W.Va. Code § 16-2H-2(a)-(e) and qualifies as a charitable organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or its successor.

2.1.3. "Legend rug sample" means an unopened package of a manufacturers legend drug product that has been distributed to either a practitioner or the charitable clinic pharmacy in accordance with the provisions of the Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq, or its successor.

Proposed Rule § 15-2.1.3 needs amended to state "legend drug sample" instead of "legend rug sample." The Board's definition for legend drug sample does not take into consideration the special provisions governing a free clinic's ability to distribute legend drug samples under the Prescription Drug Marketing Act (hereinafter referred to as the "PDMA"). This comment if more set forth in the WVAFC's comments to Rule §§ 15-13-5.1 – 5.4.

2.1.4. "Qualified indigent patient" means a patient of the charitable clinic pharmacy that has been screened and approved by the charitable organization as meeting the organization's mission of providing pharmaceutical care to those who are without sufficient funds to obtain needed legend drugs.

Please remove the term "indigent" from this Rule. The definition should just state "qualified patient." The Board's definition illustrates a certain level of confusion regarding the Board's understanding of S.B. 722. Proposed Rule § 15-13-2.1.4 defines a "qualified patient" as "a patient of the charitable clinic pharmacy" that meets certain qualifications. This is incorrect S.B. 722 clearly states and intends that charitable clinic pharmacies not be separately created and operated from a non-profit, community based free health care clinic. In other words, a free health care clinic, created pursuant to W. Va. Code § 16-2H-2, can create and operate a charitable clinic pharmacy if it wants to provide

its patients with free prescription drug therapies. A free clinic, under S.B. 722, is not required to create a separate non-profit corporation to operate a charitable clinic pharmacy. Additional operational and administrative costs will result if the definition of a "qualified patient" is not redrafted to achieve legislative intent.

Section § 15-13-3. Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Permit Required.

3.1. A charitable clinic pharmacy is considered to be a pharmacy and must follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein. As such, a charitable clinic pharmacy permit shall be required for a charitable organization to operate a pharmacy in this State to dispense prescriptions drugs to qualified indigent patients in this State. No fee shall be required to apply for or obtain the permit.

Section § 15-13.3.1 is a direct contradiction of S.B. 722. The law subjects free clinics to only minimum pharmacy standards. This proposal ignores this mandate and requires free clinics "...to follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein." At first blush, the phrase "except as otherwise provided specifically herein" could mean free clinics are receiving broad relief from all state and federal laws, rules and regulations. However, the Board's rules fail to identify the state and federal laws, rules and regulations free clinics are exempted from complying with if they operate a charitable clinic pharmacy. Based on the Board's failure to create separate, minimum pharmacy standards, free clinics are required to meet all pharmacy-related laws which subjects them to a multi-million dollar unfunded liability. For instance, just under the West Virginia's pharmacy statutes, W.Va. Code §§ 30-5-1-29, and Code of State Regulations, W.Va. R. §§ 15-1-1-11, free clinics operating a prescription drug program must:

1. **Comply with burdensome transfer of legend drug regulations (W.Va. R. § 15-1-9) even though the State's rules conflict with the FDA's PDMA regulations for the donation of prescription drug samples to free clinics;"**

2. **Follow extensive prescription refill regulations (W.Va. R. § 15-1-10);**

3. **Remodel their facilities to have a separate room for patient counseling, equipment, visual aids and publications (W.Va. R. § 15-1-15.1.1);**

4. **Install extensive plumbing lines and sinks even though none of the free clinics fill or refill compounded liquid prescriptions (W.Va. R. § 15-1-15.2.1); and,**

5. **Purchase new security systems and pharmacy software programs (W.Va. R. § 15-8-1).**

There are other laws, rules and regulations the free clinics must follow and they are too numerous to list *in toto*. The point is this section of the proposed rules does not set

minimum pharmacy standards. As drafted, the complete opposite is being imposed on the free clinics.

To meet the Legislature's requirement, the Board needs to propose separate, minimum standards for charitable pharmacies. An efficient method is to follow S.B. 722's language and exempt charitable pharmacies from the current West Virginia statutes, rules and regulations. Then create new rules and regulations following the free clinics' current free prescription drug programs and operational policies. Each free clinic already has pharmacy rules and regulations in place governing their prescription programs. These policies meet the Board's overriding concern that the clinics' qualified patients be provided safe and unadulterated drugs. The WVAFC repeatedly requested a meeting with the Board to help draft the minimum pharmacy standards based on their existing policies and protocols. This request was ignored.

3.2. Permits obtained pursuant to this section shall expire on June 30 of each calendar year. Renewal will be conducted in accordance with the laws and rules for renewing pharmacy permits as outlined in this Title.

This Rule again subjects free clinics to all of the laws and rules of the West Virginia Pharmacy Act when applying for a permit renewal. In the yet to be created minimum pharmacy standards, the Board is required to create specific rules relating to permit renewals for charitable clinic pharmacies. In addition, the language "as outlined in this Title" is vague and ambiguous. Thus, it has no meaning.

§15-13-4. Controlled Substances Restricted; Prescriptions to qualified indigent patients.

4.1. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall not purchase, possess, trade, distribute, or dispense controlled substances.

The free clinics do not fill or refill Class I, II, III or IV controlled substances. The WVAFC requests an amendment to this Rule allowing them to fill and refill certain Class V controlled substances. The WVAFC is willing to provide the Board with a list of Class V drugs currently provided to qualified patients.

4.2. Patient Dispensing. Prescriptions filled in a charitable clinic pharmacy may only be dispensed to qualified indigent patients of that pharmacy on lawful orders or prescriptions of practitioners authorized by law to prescribe or administer said drugs.

The WVAFC agrees to this Rule if the word "indigent" is stricken and licensed medical practitioners are included.

4.2.1. All prescriptions filled by the charitable clinic pharmacy must be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner prior to being dispensed.

The Rule fails to define or explain what is meant by prescriptions "...must be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner..." This phrase is not defined anywhere under the Board's existing rules and regulations. To wit, the Board seeks to impose a condition on charitable clinic pharmacies that is not even required of "for profit" pharmacies. If the Board means a pharmacist must be a full or part-time employee at a charitable pharmacy in order for free clinic to dispense drug, the Rule conflicts with Legislative intent. It also conflicts with the Board's representations at the May 16, 2008 meeting wherein it stated charitable pharmacies would never be required to hire pharmacists in order to maintain the free clinics' charitable drug programs.

4.2.2. Any other rule notwithstanding, the prescribing practitioner may access the charitable clinic pharmacy to fill, check, or dispense prescriptions written by him or her when no pharmacist is present, provided a pharmacist technician is present and insures proper documentation of the dispensing.

Based on the submitted public comments of the West Virginia State Medical Association and the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians that address the unlawful aspect of § 15-13-4.2.2, only brief remarks are provided by the WVAFC. This rule interferes with a West Virginia licensed physician and podiatrist's ability to dispense legal drugs. Under W.Va. R.§ 11-5-3.2, a physician or podiatrist registered with the Board of Medicine as a dispensing physician may:

> **[D]ispense drugs to their own patients but not fill prescriptions written by other physicians or podiatrists, nor sell at retail, such legend drugs. They may make reasonable charges for their services, including any legend drugs they may dispense and may dispense amounts of drugs as they deem sufficient to a patient's course of treatment.**

Requiring a pharmacy technician to be present when a physician at a free clinic exercises his or her legal right to dispense free legend drugs to qualified patients undermines the Board of Medicine's power at W.Va. R. § 11-5-3.2. Furthermore, licensed physicians or podiatrists are exempt from the requirements of W.Va. R. § 11-5-3 through 8:

> **(c) Legend drugs which are not controlled substances provided by free clinics or under West Virginia state authorized programs, including the Medicaid, family planning, maternal and child health, and early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment programs. Provided, however, That all labeling provisions of Section 8 shall be applicable except requirements of Section 8.3(a).**

W.Va. R. § 11-5-3.3(c). It is undisputable that a physician volunteering at or employed by a free health care clinic is not subject to the Board of Pharmacy's jurisdiction when dispensing legend drugs (that are not controlled substances). The Board's requirement of a pharmacy technician documenting a dispensing physician's conduct also invades the providence of the Board of Medicine. Although it is an extreme application, in essence the Board is telling a physician, who has completed a rigorous and comprehensive education program, that he or she is subject to the power of a pharmacy technician who more often than not has a high school or bachelor's degree. Rule § 15-3-4.2.2 should be amended by striking the language "...provided a pharmacist technician is present and insures proper documentation of the dispensing."

4.2.3. Any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1 above.

Similar to the above Rule, this proposal violates a dispensing physician's legal right to order and dispense free prescription drugs if he or she volunteers at or is employed by a free health care clinic. See, W.Va. R. §§ 11-5-3.2 and 3.2(c). Rule§ 15-3-4.2.2 again requires a free health care clinic, which operates a charitable pharmacy, to hire a full time pharmacist because even though she or he was present when the free prescriptions were filled and checked, the charitable pharmacy cannot dispense the prescriptions to qualified patients unless the pharmacist is present. This contradicts the legislative intent of S.B. 722.

4.3. The charitable clinic pharmacy shall not charge any fee for the dispensing of prescription drug samples or prescription legend drugs to qualified indigent patients of the charitable clinic pharmacy.

Once again, the Board of Pharmacy is usurping the power and jurisdiction of the Board of Medicine under this proposed rule. A dispensing physician has the right to "... make reasonable charges for their services, including any legend drugs they may dispense..." Even though, to the WVAFC's knowledge, no medical practitioner at a free health care clinic charges such a fee, the Board's charitable clinic pharmacy rules should not attempt to supersede the dispensing physician's legal right.

Free clinics hereby agree not to charge for drug samples or prescription legend drugs. In fact, the nine free clinics have never charged such a fee for them. To do so would defeat its important mission of supplying free prescription drugs to its qualified patients. It is true free clinics charge a $1.00 to $2.00 fee for the prescription bottle. However, this fee is waived for any person without financial means which happens more often than when a fee is collected. The prescription bottle fee only applies to those working patients who can afford it and the funds go directly to pay for the costs of the pharmacy technician, pharmacy software, pharmacy security systems, pharmacy operational costs and capital expenses and the purchase of prescription bottles. To eliminate their ability to collect this

inconsequential fee from patients with adequate financial resources, will subject the free clinics to a loss of revenue which will result in the scaling back and elimination of their free prescription drug programs. Clearly, this rule is in contravention of legislative intent and the promise that S.B. 722 "will not hurt the free clinics."

4.4. Strict screening guidelines based on needs assessment shall be developed by the charitable clinic pharmacy to determine who is eligible as a qualified indigent patient. This may be accomplished in conjunction with the clinic itself, and documented through a patient medical record shared between the charitable clinic pharmacy and the clinic itself.

This Rule contains the undefined and ambiguous term "needs assessment." What does this mean and how does it apply to the charitable pharmacies operated by the free clinics? Furthermore, W.Va. R. § 15-3-4.4 mistakenly asserts a charitable clinic pharmacy will exist independently from a free health care clinic. Senate Bill 722 clearly states and intends for charitable pharmacies to operate under the existing corporate framework of the free clinics. Patient records at the free clinics already include documentation of their drug regiments with a backup file on pharmacy specific software. This rule, if implemented in its current draft, will subject the free health care clinics to significant and duplicate operational, administrative and legal costs. The free clinics did not receive additional funds to implement this rule and another unfunded mandate has been created.

4.5. All screening guidelines, needs assessments, and revisions shall be submitted to the Board upon request.

Qualified patient screening guidelines for receiving free prescription medications are already established and implemented under the auspices of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Thus, the Board once again seeks to usurp the power of another West Virginia Governmental department. New "Screening guidelines" for charitable clinic pharmacies operated by free health care clinics are unnecessary and create additional expenses that should be used for patient care.

The Rule also contradicts and is in violation of the FDA's guidelines for the free health care clinics' operation of free prescription drug programs. Comprehensive screening guidelines already exist under federal law that trump any guidelines proposed and implemented by the Board. Historically, the Board has conceded jurisdiction and regulatory power to the FDA. In this instance, it should not depart from this federally mandated practice. Last, the Board once again uses the ambiguous and undefined terms "needs assessment." The Board must define these terms before the WVAFC can adequately analyze this aspect of the rule and provide public comments.

4.6. Charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from the restrictions in Section 15-1.19.10 insofar as the charitable clinic pharmacy may provide prescription blanks imprinted with its name for

prescribers working in the clinic to write prescriptions to be filled at the charitable clinic pharmacy.

Rule § 15-3-4.6 is unnecessary because free health care clinics already utilize prescription forms containing their names and the prescriptions can only be filled through their prescription drug programs.

§15-13-5. Prescription Drug Samples.

5.1. Except insofar as it may conflict with federal law, charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from any State law or rule which restricts who may receive sample drugs from a manufacturer. However, a charitable clinic pharmacy shall only receive, possess, and dispense prescription drug samples if the following conditions are satisfied:
(a) The samples are dispensed at no charge to qualified indigent patients of that charitable clinic pharmacy;
(b) The samples are possessed in compliance with the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq, or its successor;
(c) The samples are in the original container in which they were placed by the manufacturer and the container is clearly marked sample;
(d) Prior to being furnished or dispensed, the samples have been stored under the proper conditions to prevent deterioration or contamination;
(e) The samples are clearly marked with an expiration date and lot number;
(f) The samples are not expired; and
(g) The samples are not a controlled substance.

The Board's attempt to address a free clinic's ability to provide sample drugs, free of charge, to their qualified patients is preempted by the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act. It is apparent the Board did not review the following federal laws before drafting its rules:

(1) 21 C.F.R. § 203.39 (2008);

(2) The FDA's "Guidance for Industry, Prescription Drug Marketing Act – Donation of Prescription Drug Samples to Free Clinics (March 2006); or,

(3) Draft Guidance for Industry on Prescription Drug Marketing Act Regulations for Donation of Prescription Drug Samples to Free Clinics; Availability. 67 Fed. Reg. 43, p. 330-31, (June 27, 2002).

The provisions under 21 C.F.R. § 203.29 completely control a free health care clinic's dispensing of free drug samples to qualified patients. Accordingly, proposed W.Va. R. § 15-3-5.1 cannot be implemented because it is pre-empted by federal law.

The FDA's March 2006 Guidance document creates extensive exemptions for free clinics when dispensing sample drugs to qualified patients. Specifically, the FDA states:

> **The guidance announces that FDA intends to propose revisions to [21 C.F.R.] § 203.39 to reduce the burden on free clinics while maintaining certain minimal requirements aimed at ensuring the integrity of the samples stored and dispensed by clinics. In the interim, FDA, in the exercise of its enforcement discretion, does not intend to object if a free clinic fails to comply with certain requirements of [the PDMA] in [21 C.F.R.] § 203.39.**

2006 Guidance Document, p. 1. (emphasis added)

The specific PDMA exemptions for free clinics and the minimal requirements are:

> **Specifically, FDA, in the exercise of its enforcement discretion, does not intend to object if a free clinic fails to comply with [21 C.F.R.] § 203.39(b), (d), (e), (f), and (g). For the most part, these subsections focus on record keeping requirements. FDA does, however, expect free clinics to comply with § 203.39(a), (c), (h), and (i). For the most part, these subsections focus on ensuring the integrity of samples stored and dispensed by clinics, and should not be too onerous for free clinics to comply with and still operate effectively. Moreover, with regard to § 203.39(c), recognizing the limitations on the professional resources of free clinics, FDA does not intend to object if the required examination of donated samples is performed by any staff member designated to do so by a licensed practitioner or registered pharmacist affiliated with the free clinic.**

Id. at pp 3, 4. Proposed Rule § 15-3-5.1(1)-(g) violates and is contraindicated by 21 C.F.R. § 203.39. Thus, it must be withdrawn in its entirety.

5.2. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall not sell, purchase, or trade prescription drug samples.
5.3. Dispensing A Sample Drug By A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall comply with the following:
5.3.1. A pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy must have a valid prescription prior to dispensing a sample drug to a patient.
5.3.2. The charitable clinic pharmacy must determine the eligibility requirements for a patient to receive a sample drug.
5.3.3. The sample drug is dispensed to the patient free of charge.
5.3.4. The sample drug is dispensed:

(a) In the original container in which it was placed by its manufacturer where the container is clearly marked as sample; or

(b) By removing the sample drug from the original container only if the prescription label on the appropriate container, pursuant to rule 4729-9-02 of the Administrative Code, clearly states that the drug dispensed is a sample drug.

The WVAFC incorporates and references in their entirety, its comments in response to § 15-3-5.1 and applies them to proposed Rules § 15-3-5.2, 5.3, 5.3-1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3 and 5.3.4(a), (b). These rules also violate federal law and are preempted by the PDMA.

§ 15-13-6. Pharmacist-In-Charge Responsibilities.

6.1. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall be responsible for implementing policies and procedures and a quality assurance program for operation of the charitable clinic pharmacy.

6.2. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall ensure through implementation of policies and procedures that the following occurs at the charitable clinic pharmacy:

(a) donated drugs dispensed from pharmacy are properly labeled;

(b) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required are not dispensed to patients;

(c) donated drugs are inspected prior to dispensing to determine that the donated drugs meet all federal and state requirements for product integrity;

(d) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions are destroyed, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required; and

(e) manifests for donated drugs that are dispensed or destroyed are created or maintained at the charitable clinic pharmacy for two(2) years from the date of destruction.

(f) Dispensing errors are documented and reported monthly to the Board.

In response to proposed Rules §§ 15-3-6.1 and 6.2(a)-(f), the WVAFC incorporates and references its comments set forth hereinbefore to Rule § 15-1.2.1.38 regarding a PIC at a charitable clinic pharmacy. The WVAFC also incorporates its previous comments regarding sample drugs and the PDMA. Under the PDMA, donated drugs shipped to free health care clinics are also regulated. Once again, the Board fails to follow the FDA's preemption powers by proposing contradictory rules. Accordingly, Rules §§ 15-3-6.1 and 6.2(a)-(f) must be withdrawn.

§ 15-13-7. Limitations of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies[1]

5.2 All drug therapies and prescriptions shall be prescribed on an individual basis.

[1] The Board has made a numerical mistake when it drafted these rules. The sub-sections under § 15-13-7 are labeled 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5. The Board meant to label these sections 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4. The WVAFC uses the Board's system to offer its public comments.

The WVAFC agrees to this proposed rule and free health care clinics already follow this requirement.

5.3 A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall not accept lost identity or unknown drugs.

The WVAFC agrees with this proposed rule and free health care clinics already follow this requirement.

5.4 No misbranded drugs shall be accepted by the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy.

The WVAFC agrees with this proposed rule and free health care clinics already follow this requirement.

5.5 A Charitable Pharmacy may accept donated and unadulterated prescription drugs in their unbroken original manufacturer packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers or manufacturers, the State of West Virginia, the Board of Pharmacy or by other means, provided appropriate records of receipt are maintained.

If this rule is amended to follow and comply with the FDA's rules for donated and unadulterated prescription drugs, including, but not limited to, the exemption provided to free clinics related to recordkeeping, the WVAFC agrees.

§15-13-8. Continuing Education Credits for Volunteering in Charitable Clinic Pharmacy

7.1. A pharmacists who volunteers as a pharmacist-in-charge or a staff pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy may earn up to a maximum of six live continuing education credits for such activities. For every eight hours worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as the PIC, the PIC may earn one hour of live continuing education credit. For every ten hours worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as a staff pharmacist, the pharmacist may earn one hour of live continuing education credit.

The WVAFC agrees with this proposed rule and expresses its gratitude to the Board for creating this program. Line one, second word needs to be changed from "pharmacists" to the singular form "pharmacist."

15-13-9 Inspection and Investigation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

9.1 The Board of Pharmacy shall create and implement the use of an Inspection Form which is consistent with the requirements under which a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall operate as contemplated by W.Va. Code § 30-5-1b and established by S.B. 722.

9.2 Upon receipt of the completed inspection form, the Board of Pharmacy and any appointed Quality Control Committee or other such body of the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy my meet and confer to address and resolve issues which may impact the health and safety of the pharmacy's patients. To the extent necessary, corrective plans may result from such meeting(s) with timeframes established by the Board of Pharmacy for the resolution of Quality control measures.

In response to Rule §§ 15-13-9.1 and 9.2, the WVAFC requests an opportunity to collaborate with the Board to create an inspection form for charitable pharmacies and to draft special quality control rules.

I would be remiss if I did not address one last matter. Contrary to the assertions of the West Virginia Pharmacy Association ("WVPA") set forth in Richard D. Steven's (WVPA's Executive Director) press release, the oversight proposed by the Board's Rules are not minimal; none of the pharmaceutical manufacturers have expressed liability concerns regarding drugs donated to free clinics; the employees and volunteers at free clinics assisting with their free prescription programs are trained and all pharmacy technicians are licensed under West Virginia law (something the WVPA's Executive Director should know); there are no unaccountable employees at free clinics with access to prescription drugs; and, not a single qualified patient's health or safety has been adversely affected by the free prescription drug programs.

Mr. Stevens' borderline propaganda also contains the following malicious statement:

> Because there is no oversight, no one knows a clinic may provide services to individuals who are not indigent for the sake of receiving more grant funds when the prescription drugs they receive from manufacturers are free and the volunteer services of pharmacists who dispense are free. Their pharmacy then becomes a profit center for their clinic.

What is Mr. Stevens' evidence of this and where is this occurring? This is a serious and false accusation leveled against the free clinics and their free prescription drug programs. I challenge Mr. Stevens and the WVPA to prove these allegations or to submit a public, written apology to the WVAFC. These comments, however, validates the WVAFC's suspicions that the Board of Pharmacy's motive all along was possibly to shut down the free prescription drug programs across the state, because pharmacists saw dollars being removed from their pockets. Rest assured, Mr. Stevens' comments are unfounded and only qualified patients are being served by the free clinic's prescription drug programs.

On behalf of the WVAFC, I thank the Board of Pharmacy for the opportunity to submit public comments. The WVAFC respectfully requests the West Virginia Legislative Rule Making Committee ask the Board to withdraw the proposed rules and require it to collaborate with the free clinics to draft new ones.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Gifford

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Senator Ron Stalling	*(Via U.S. Mail)*
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Mr. David Potters
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Dear David,

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed rules submitted for SB722. I think it is truly important for you and your board to completely understand the impact of the rules on free clinics if they are accepted as submitted.

Undoubtedly, you are receiving hundreds of very emotional letters from free clinic patients across West Virginia, but in fact, they are based purely on emotions. Patients are terrified of losing access to their medications and especially of the consequence of not getting their medicines – DEATH or poor quality of life.

I am prepared to offer my explanations on the proposed rules and suggestions of modifications that would make it much easier for free clinics to continue providing health care and life-sustaining medications to the working poor, while not compromising their safety.

The Fiscal Year overall effect is severely underestimated. Conservative estimates are $150,000 per clinic/year for each clinic to hire a pharmacist. Also, there will be substantial renovation costs to comply with current pharmacy regulations that are not addressed or waived in the proposed rule.

15-1.2.1.38 Pharmacist in Charge –

a. Will they receive a waiver exempting them from fines, temporary suspension of license.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – Exempt PIC from any fines/fees or license suspension for actions of others in pharmacy. Without this specifically being addressed, pharmacists will not be willing to volunteer a PIC.

c. Pharmacist available in pharmacy at least 30 hours per week. This will be difficult for most free clinics to comply with as there is pharmacist shortage in WV and benefits and signing bonuses. Free clinics can't compete.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – Although Wheeling does have a full-time pharmacist currently on staff, she earns far less than she could at a retail pharmacy. If she leaves/retires, Wheeling will also be faced with the financial and availability burden of the other clinics. Currently, free clinics have excellent checks/balances in place. If the rule could recommend that a pharmacist – paid or volunteer –

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could routinely do random checks of scripts, periodic chart reviews, oversight of quality assurance programs to ensure compliance with federal and state dispensing rules, clinics across WV could survive. Physicians and midlevel providers have overseen dispensing for 26 years and have no complaints lodged against clinics to Board of Pharmacy.

d. PIC requirements are responsible if waivers/exemptions are put into place to decrease their risk level.

c & d Contradict each other. c – requires PIC to be at pharmacy "majority of hours of operation"; d – states no more than 8 hours/month. Unclear as to actual requirement.

15-13-2.2.1.1 – "Indigent" patients does not clearly define patients of free clinics. These patients are not indigent, but the working poor, and sometimes exceed 200% FPL because their medications for specific chronic diseases may cost more than $3,000 per month.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – Waive free clinics from: 1) weights and scales as free clinics do not compound; 2) separate security system for pharmacy – cost prohibitive. Instead, limit keys to specifically identified staff; 3) no one except pharmacists/pharmacy technicians allowed in pharmacy. All clinics use volunteers to help in pharmacy, ie – retired RN's; lay volunteers to work window, mid-levels and physicians that need access. Permit pharmacy volunteers, physicians, residents and mid-levels access; 4) gated and steel windows on pharmacy -- this is cost prohibitive – require locked/keyed windows.

15-13-4.2.2 – The prescribing practitioner must have a pharmacy technician present to insure proper documentation.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – Strike the pharmacy technician being present for practitioner to dispense. Under physician dispensing law – Board of Medicine – physician can identify staff person to assist him/her in filling of script, but not restrictive to pharmacy technician.

We also recommend "grandfathering" all pharmacy technicians working in free clinics to allow them to immediately be licensed.

15-13-4.2.3 – Pharmacy technician can continue to fill for only up to two hours in the absence of pharmacist. Clinic patients often travel far distances and cannot return when pharmacist/practitioner is not available.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – Have prescriptions checked after filling, but permit pharmacy technicians to hand out scripts that have already been checked even in absence of the pharmacist. The clinics are health care institutions and have available mid-level and nursing staff to provide any patient requested education.

15-13-4.3 – No fees may be charged for dispensing. Free clinics currently receive $1 to $3 per prescription donation to offset indirect costs in pharmacy. This would severely impact on clinic income. It is important to note, NO patient is turned away without meds if they cannot make donation.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – Permit a donation to be accepted per prescription to assist with offsetting costs. This was actually proposed by a patient who was a board member as an opportunity for patients to give back to their free clinic.

15-13-4.4 –It is important to note that screening guidelines are developed by each clinic's Board of Directors and the pharmacies do not operate independently of the clinic nor have the ability to set own strict screening guidelines. Medical records, in most cases, electronic records are always shared with those in the pharmacy.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – Strike indigent again. Allow each clinic and Board to determine guidelines based on the needs of individual communities. When you've "seen one free clinic, you've seen one free clinic." We are each our own 501C3 with an independent Board of Directors and criteria based on their community's needs.

15-13-4.6 – These prescriptions have always been honored at retail pharmacies, as well, and this should remain acceptable.

15-13-5.1 – a. Again, strike indigent and address the "no charge", as we accept donations.

15-13-5.2 – Charitable clinic pharmacies cannot trade samples. Many times, one clinic will accept large quantities of a sample drug and directed by the pharmaceutical company to disburse to member clinics. This may seriously restrict one area's patients from access to life-sustaining meds.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED – to allow free clinics to share/trade medications to prevent waste and enable free clinic patients statewide to access the life-sustaining medications needed.

15-13-5.3.2 -- This is redundant as any patient presenting at the pharmacy has already met the eligibility requirements.

15-13-5.3.3 -- Again address the "free of charge" to allow donations.

15-13-6.2 – f. Dispensing errors are documented and reported to the Board monthly. Retail pharmacies do not report monthly.

FREE CLINIC PROPOSED -- Maintain documentation of all errors that are readily available to PIC or at the request of an inspector.

In addition to my above responses to the rules and my recommendations for modifications, I am attaching a list of our "biggest issues" with the proposed rules for SB722. Many of these may have been considered, but are not clearly addressed in the rules.

Pharmacists have cautioned the clinics to be wary of the unknown. Many of the retail pharmacy regulations that may/may not affect us are cost-prohibitive, if not impossible to implement. More detailed clarification of the rules: The last paragraph of Section 1.5 – preamble makes it appear that free clinics must meet other regulations with the exception of the "limited exemptions." I would hope the Board of Pharmacy can see the ambiguity in this rule and understood the Association's fear of the rule.

As the Executive Director of Wheeling Health Right, Inc., I know that all of West Virginia's free clinics would love to have pharmacists, but without additional funding and increased availability, most cannot meet the requirements of this rule.

Patients with the least access to life-sustaining medications will be those being discharged from a hospital emergency department or inpatient care. Without their medications, cost-shifting will occur, because these patients will end up back in the ER's and overburden an already overwhelmed health care system. Free clinics were designed and are widely accepted and supported because they reduce hospital's charity care immensely. I am also attaching a sheet that demonstrates the potential for cost shifting if free clinics are forced to close.

Finally, I must stress that safety and quality care are the top priorities in all free clinics. Patients at free clinics receive excellent care provided by highly qualified mid-level providers and volunteer physicians. Working or volunteering for a free clinic is a mission for those who help our patients. Financial gain does not fit into the equation, but rather the belief that everyone, even the working poor uninsured have a "RIGHT" to top-quality health care provided in the safest of situations.

The paramount concern of patient safety is taken very seriously by The Health Right clinics. With the use of electronic medical records, assurances surrounding pharmaceutical care are addressed. Medications our patients receive are registered in their electronic medical record (EMR) and screened using the proprietary drug screening tools of the EMR to detect duplication of therapy, drug interactions and allergy contraindications.

I appeal to the Board of Pharmacy to return to the table with representatives of free clinics to come to an agreement on the rule that both satisfies the nature and expectations for the safety of West Virginians by the BOP and protects and preserves the quality health care and access to medications that the working poor and uninsured desire. Believe the emotions of every patient letter that the BOP has received with regard to free clinic pharmacies.

We truly are the lifeline for the working poor! Without life-sustaining medications, they will have reduced quality of life or will die. No other clinic or pharmacy is willing to provide medications for free.

In advance, I thank you for your review of this letter and pray that we can come to a workable agreement.

Sincerely yours,

Kathie H. Brown
Executive Director

Board of Pharmacy SB 722
Biggest Issues

1. There must be a pharmacist present to dispense medications.
2. There is a discrepancy: clinical staff can provide education in retail pharmacy section, but not in new Legislative Rule
3. Question on regular regulations, are free clinics exempt or receiving waiver: for example:
    a. weights and scales
    b. security specific to pharmacy
    c. no one else allowed in pharmacy
    d. Bars or gates on windows

4. PIC-exempt from all fines; temporary suspension of license, etc
5. Can we grandfather our Pharmacy Technicians into the licensure process
6. No volunteers are allowed in pharmacy
7. Clothing/name tag requirements for RPh and Pharmacy Technicians
8. Fees-free clinics accept donations
9. Trading/sharing of meds between free clinics
10. Reporting errors monthly-retail does not
11. Eligibility completed currently by clinic, not pharmacy
12. No transporting meds to outsites
13. Access to pharmacy by only pharmacist
14. Prescriptions from outside docs/ER we won't be able to fill
15. Inspections-how often, expectations
16. If we do even just Schedule V drugs, we will be required to report to WV Board of Pharmacy and it also requires special software
17. Must samples be stored separate from other drugs
18. We will need a DEA # to transfer a script to a retail pharmacy
19. Must have 3 sets of books in pharmacy-USP-DI and Facts and Comparisons
20. Sign stating Pharmacy closed-no pharmacist on duty
21. Clarification on donated medications
22. No 1 time fills or helping out local docs, hospitals, mental health clinics, community health centers
23. Indigent only population-not at all acceptable
24. Drug information pamphlets necessary
25. Separate counseling area

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Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc. has been providing quality care to the uninsured for twelve years. Through these years literally thousands of patients have been able to access needed medications to help them better manage their disease. The rules that have been proposed to regulate free clinics will severely hamper our ability to continue to provide this needed service to our patients. We understand the Board's concern regarding patient safety. I can assure you that our patients' safety is our number one concern also.

Following are issues I feel need to be addressed as it relates to the proposed rules:

1.5 PREAMBLE: The Board of Pharmacy requirements for the practice of pharmacy, including, but not limited to, sanitary practices, proper storage and handling of drugs, counseling, and providing correct treatment as prescribed are essential to ensure proper therapeutic outcomes which involved pharmaceutical care. These requirements can only be accomplished by the presence of a properly licensed and trained pharmacist.

We currently have oversight by a pharmacist and all of the above requirements are in place without the presence of a licensed pharmacist all of the time.

2.1.1 "Charitable clinic pharmacy" means a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation that offers pharmaceutical care and dispenses prescriptions free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified indigent patients.

We currently ask our patients for a donation when they pick up their prescriptions. If they do not have the donation they are still able to receive their medicine. Will this rule preclude us from accepting donations from the patients?

2.1.4 "Qualified indigent patient"

The term indigent is demeaning to our patients. That term should read qualified patient.

3.1 A charitable clinic pharmacy is considered to be a pharmacy and must follow all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein.

Due to the fact that all federal and state laws, rules and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy have not been provided to us we have no idea how these rules will impact our operations.

4.2.1 All prescriptions filled by the charitable clinic pharmacy must be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner prior to being dispensed.

In the absence of a pharmacist requiring the prescribing practitioner to check prescriptions prior to being dispensed would severely impact the number of patients the practitioner would be able to see. This rule would require the practitioner to see the patient each time the patient needed a refill on the prescription. Our practitioners would spend all their time refilling prescriptions of the same patients each month. There would be no space in the system for new patients. The time a patient will have to spend at the clinic would also be adversely affected. The patient would have to wait for the practitioner to finish seeing the next patient and then check his or her prescription.

4.2.3. Any other rule nothwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with sub section 4.2.1 above.

Subsection 4.2.1. states that the prescribing practitioner can check prescriptions prior to being dispensed, but this rule states that no prescriptions can be dispensed without the pharmacist checking it. Which rule is right?

4.3.The charitable clinic pharmacy shall not charge any fee for the dispensing of prescription drug samples or prescription legend drugs to qualified indigent patients of the charitable clinic pharmacy.

We ask our patients for a donation for prescriptions. If the patients do not have the donation they still get their prescriptions. Do you consider this a fee? This fee helps us to underwrite the costs associated with our prescription assistance program.

4.4 Strict screening guidelines based on needs assessment shall be developed by the charitable clinic pharmacy to determine who is eligible as a qualified indigent patient. This may be accomplished in conjunction with the clinic itself, and documented through a patient medical record shared between the charitable clinic pharmacy and the clinic itself.

Strict screening guidelines are already in place. Patients must provide proof of household income before even being seen in the clinic. This requirement of documentation of

household income is also required by the pharmaceutical companies and is audited by these companies on a regular basis.

6.1. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall be responsible for implementing policies and procedures and a quality assurance program for operation of the charitable clinic pharmacy.

What will this responsibility entail? Is there any liability that this person will have if something goes wrong in the charitable clinic pharmacy?

6.2(f) Dispensing errors are documented and reported monthly to the Board.

Why will charitable clinic pharmacies be required to report dispensing errors monthly? Do retail pharmacies have the same reporting requirement?

Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc. along with the other free clinics have policies and procedures in place to insure patient safety. Adding these rules will prove to create such a hardship to the clinics that we fear we will no longer be able to provide needed medications to our patients. The resulting consequences will be something that will adversely impact the health of the uninsured in our state.

I understand the idea of oversight. I am not opposed to oversight. It just must be in a form that does not negatively impact our ability to help our patients. I look forward to working with the Board of Pharmacy in amending these rules.

Sincerely,

Yvonne L. Jones

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Executive Director

West Virginia Association of Free Clinics

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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to provide Public Comment from the West Virginia Association of Free Clinics. As Executive Director it is my intent and purpose to provide this information for your use in any rule modifications that would allow resolution of our differences in this matter.

It is unclear in the proposed rules as to what Board of Pharmacy Rules actually apply to the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy and it is our interpretation that the Pharmacists requirements would be too strenuous for our operations to continue providing medications to the patients. In the Board of Pharmacy's current rules, the Consulting Pharmacist that is defined in 15-1-23 would provide the safety and welfare of our patients to your own specifications. As it was not the intent of SB722 to disrupt the services we currently provide, we are asking that you consider our public comment and work with us to resolve these matters.

I have included a copy of your proposed rules with a modification in blue to outline how using a consulting pharmacist would put in place safety rules already approved by the BOP without disrupting the life sustaining medications of thousands of patients. I have also included some input from other states in these same circumstances and a document provided to me that clearly identifies pharmacist requirements as we have interpreted the proposed rule.

I am looking forward to resolving this issue and moving forward. Please feel free to contact me if you need specific clarification on any information I have provided in this public comment submission.

Cordially,

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The Modifications to this Draft in "Blue" would ensure that the current Members of the West Virginia Association of Free Clinics can continue providing medications to their qualified patients:

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DRAFT Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Regs

Amend and modify: STRIKE the PIC for Charitable Clinic Pharmacies and replace with Pharmacist Consultants 15-1-23

~~Section 15-1.2.1.38. "Pharmacist-in-charge" means a pharmacist currently licensed in this state who:~~

~~a. Accepts responsibility for the operation of a pharmacy in conformance with all state and federal laws and rules pertinent to the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs;~~

~~b. has the responsibility for the practice of pharmacy, as defined in this rule, at the pharmacy for which he or she is pharmacist-in-charge. The pharmacy permit holder has responsibility for all other functions, administrative and operational, of the pharmacy. The pharmacist-in-charge may advise the pharmacy permit holder on administrative and operational matters but following such advice shall not be legally responsible;~~

~~c. works at least 30 hours per week with the pharmacist-in-charge working at least three days per week in that pharmacy, including the use of any accrued annual or sick leave; Provided that, in any pharmacy which is open on average less than 40 hours per week in a calendar year, he or she must work in the pharmacy a majority of the hours that the pharmacy is open (e.g., if open 20 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work 11 hours per week within the pharmacy); and~~

~~d. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection c. above, with~~ regard to a pharmacist in-charge in a Charitable Clinic Pharmacy, ~~if the pharmacy is open an average of more than 40 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work at least 8 hours per calendar month; if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open on average at least 30 and up to 40 hours per week, the pharmacist in-charge must work in the charitable clinic pharmacy at least 6 hours per calendar month; if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open on average at least 15 and up to 30 hours per week, the~~

~~pharmacist-in-charge must work in the charitable clinic pharmacy at least 4 hours per calendar month; if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open on average at least 5 and up to 15 hours per week, the pharmacist-in-charge must work 2 hours per calendar month; and, if the charitable clinic pharmacy is open less than 5 hours per week, the pharmacist in charge must work in the charitable clinic pharmacy the lesser of 2 hours per month or 50% of the hours the charitable clinic pharmacy is open.~~

~~Charitable Clinic Pharmacy hours per week~~	~~Hours required by PIC per month~~
~~More than 40~~	~~8~~
~~30 to 40~~	~~6~~
~~15 to 30~~	~~4~~
~~5 to 15~~	~~2~~
~~Less than 5~~	~~The lesser of 2 or 50% of hours open~~

ADD:

§15-1-23. Pharmacist Consultants.

23.1. Places needing consultants.

23.1.1 The requirements of this section apply to pharmacists serving as pharmacy consultants to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, intermediate nursing facilities, nursing homes, rest homes, personal care centers, governmental agencies, jails, correctional facilities, clinics and any other place where a pharmacy permit is not held, but a controlled substance permit is required; or any place where a pharmacist's expertise is needed to increase or improve patient care and safety in the use of drugs and devices or where the expertise is needed to ensure proper storage conditions and safeguards.

23.2. Requirements and registration.

23.2.1. A pharmacist providing consulting services shall be registered as a consultant pharmacist with the Board and shall be licensed to practice pharmacy in West Virginia.

23.2.2 Every pharmacist providing pharmacy consulting services shall apply annually on the prescribed form, to register with the Board as follows:

a. The consultant pharmacist shall file an application with the Board for each institution, place or person to whom consulting services are provided;

b. The application shall contain, but is not limited to:

1. The name, address and phone number of the applying consultant and his or her license number;

2. The name, address, phone number and type of institution, entity or person receiving the consulting services;

3. A description of the services to be provided by the consultant; and

4. The name and signature of the facility administrator.

23.2.3. The consultant pharmacist shall immediately report to the Board any change in the data previously placed on the application for registration as a consultant. If the consulting arrangement is discontinued the consultant pharmacist shall immediately return the consulting permit to the Board.

23.2.4. The fee for registration as a consultant is twenty dollars ($20.00) for each registration. This fee is waived for Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

23.3. Education - All pharmacists registered as consultants shall have three (3) hours of continuing education in the subjects of consulting practice each year. These three (3) hours may be included in the mandatory fifteen (15) hours of continuing education required for license renewal as a pharmacist. (See 15-13-8)

23.4. Responsibilities.

23.4.1. A pharmacist consultant shall document by date and time, in a permanent log book, his or her activities for each place where he or she is registered. This log book shall be present in each facility for which the consultant pharmacist is registered and shall be available for inspection by the Board at any time.

23.4.2. The pharmacist consultant shall initiate and maintain, in each facility, appropriate records and procedures for the receipt, storage and disposition of all drugs including but not limited to:

a. Prescriptions;

b. Floor stock;

c. Emergency boxes or kits;

d. Investigational drugs;

e. Samples; and

f. Outdated or discontinued drugs.

23.4.3. The pharmacist consultant shall maintain a Policy and Procedures Manual for pharmaceutical services. The Manual shall be available to all inspectors and available to patient care providers for their guidance in drug handling. The manual shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for the following:

a. Transcribing drug orders and prescription ordering;

b. Prescription delivery system and in-house verification;

c. Drug recall;

d. Automatic stop orders;

e. Formulary or standards for drug quality;

f. Systematic review of drug orders;

g. Reconciliation of controlled substances;

h. Disposition by the following means of prescriptions not totally consumed by the patient:

1. Return to pharmacy for credit; and

2. Destruction by the pharmacist in the presence of a registered nurse; and

i. In-service drug education of other personnel.

23.4.4. The pharmacist consultant shall maintain an appropriate drug reference library for use by other health care personnel.

23.4.5. The pharmacist consultant shall insure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, both state and federal.

23.4.6. The pharmacist consultant shall make every effort to separate consulting duties from dispensing duties. Remuneration shall be comparable to that charged by a pharmacist consultant not associated with the supplier of drugs or devices.

a. The pharmacist or his or her employer shall receive remuneration directly from the facility to which he or she is providing the service. Charitable Clinic Pharmacies may have volunteer pharmacists.

b. If the pharmacist consultant has any financial interest in the pharmacy providing drugs or devices to the facility he or she may not provide the consulting service in order to obtain an agreement to be the supplier.

23.4.7. Nothing in this rule precludes a patient in a skilled or intermediate nursing facility, or other voluntarily entered facility, from free choice of pharmacy services.

Amend and modify:
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~~15-1-20.1. A pharmacy may not operate without a pharmacist-in-charge (hereinafter "PIC"), who shall be designated on the application for a pharmacy license, and in each license renewal. A pharmacist may not serve as PIC unless he or she is physically present in the pharmacy a sufficient amount of time to provide supervision and control. A pharmacist may not serve as PIC for more than one pharmacy at any one time; Provided that, he or she may volunteer as the pharmacist in charge at a charitable clinic pharmacy while serving as a PIC in another pharmacy.~~

New Series to be added to the Regs?:

PREAMBLE: The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy exists to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through, among other things, the regulation of pharmacies, pharmacists, technicians, drug distributors, and places that stock controlled substances. The Board also enforces requirements established by the FDA, USP, DEA, EPA, and the CPSC for the storage, delivery, dispensing, and destruction of drugs and construction of sterile preparation areas and nuclear pharmacy facilities within this State.

There are numerous facilities in West Virginia which operate tax exempt free clinics and free clinic pharmacies to provide free medical care and drug therapies to their clients. The Board of Pharmacy requirements for the practice of pharmacy, including, but not limited to, sanitary practices, proper storage and handling of drugs, counseling, and providing correct treatment as prescribed are essential to ensure proper therapeutic outcomes which involve pharmaceutical care. These requirements can only be accomplished by the presence of a properly licensed and trained pharmacist to oversee the delivery of the pharmaceutical care provided.

It is in the interest of both the charitable clinic pharmacies and their clients to provide those clients the same minimum protection afforded all other citizens of West Virginia as required by the statutes and regulations applicable to the practice of pharmacy in this State. The Board of Pharmacy recognizes that the charitable clinics and their pharmacies operate on limited grant funding along with donations from many professionals and suppliers of materials, time, and monetary support. Therefore, necessarily, they operate on tightly controlled and limited budgets.

As such, given the unique nature of the free clinics and the valuable service they provide to the community, these regulations applicable to charitable

clinic pharmacies are designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public while relieving the clinics from, due to the limited nature of their practice of pharmacy, certain unnecessary regulatory burdens. Providing these limited exemptions, the Board of Pharmacy ~~believes~~ ASSURES, will not infringe on safe-guarding the pharmaceutical care provided to the clients of the free clinics, and will allow the clinics the necessary leeway to provide safe and effective care on their limited resources.

Section 1. Authority.

1.1. These regulations are promulgated in accordance with the authority granted by Senate Bill 722 passed during the 2008 Regular Legislative Session and enacted into law, which amended certain sections of the West Virginia Code, at §30-5-1, et seq., providing for oversight and regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies.

Section 2. Definitions.

2.1. The following terms and phrases as used in this Rule shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

2.1.1. "Charitable clinic pharmacy" means a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation that offers limited pharmaceutical care and dispenses prescriptions free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified ~~indigent~~ (STRIKE THIS WORD) patients. ~~A charitable clinic pharmacy shall meet the minimum standards for a pharmacy as set forth in this article and by legislative rule promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy, but may not be charged any applicable licensing fees. A charitable clinic pharmacy may have pharmacists in charge, as that term is defined in this section, who volunteers his or her services. A charitable clinic may also receive donated drugs.~~ (STRIKE THIS AS IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT APPLIES)

2.1.2. "Charitable organization" means an organization which operates a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation which is qualified as a charitable organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or its successor.

2.1.3. "Legend drug sample" means an unopened package of a manufacturers legend drug product that has been distributed to either a practitioner or the charitable clinic pharmacy in accordance with the provisions of the Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq, or its successor.

2.1.4. "Qualified ~~indigent~~ patient" means a patient of the charitable clinic pharmacy that has been screened and approved by the charitable

organization as meeting the organization's mission of providing pharmaceutical care to those who are without sufficient funds to obtain needed legend drugs.

Section 3. Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Permit Required.

3.1. A charitable clinic pharmacy is considered to be a limited pharmacy and must follow ~~all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise~~ (STRIKE) (ADD) charitable clinic pharmacy rules as provided specifically herein. As such, a charitable clinic pharmacy permit shall be required for a charitable organization to operate a pharmacy in this State to dispense prescriptions drugs to qualified ~~indigent~~ patients in this State. No fee shall be required to apply for or obtain the permit.

3.2. Permits obtained pursuant to this section shall expire on June 30 of each calendar year. Renewal will be conducted in accordance with the laws and rules for renewing pharmacy permits as outlined in this Title.

Section 4. Controlled Substances Restricted; Prescriptions to qualified indigent patients.

4.1. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall not purchase, possess, trade, distribute, or dispense controlled substances.

4.2. Patient Dispensing. Prescriptions filled in a charitable clinic pharmacy may only be dispensed to qualified indigent patients of that pharmacy on lawful orders or prescriptions of practitioners authorized by law to prescribe or administer said drugs.

4.2.1. All prescriptions filled by the charitable clinic pharmacy must be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner prior to being dispensed.

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~~4.2.2. Any other rule notwithstanding, the prescribing practitioner may access the charitable clinic pharmacy to fill, check, or dispense prescriptions written by him or her when no pharmacist is present, provided a pharmacist technician is present and insures proper documentation of the dispensing.~~

~~4.2.3. Any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1 above.~~

4.3. The charitable clinic pharmacy shall not charge any fee for the dispensing of prescription drug samples or prescription legend drugs to qualified indigent patients of the charitable clinic pharmacy.
4.4. Strict screening guidelines based on needs assessment shall be developed by the charitable clinic pharmacy to determine who is eligible as a qualified indigent patient. This may be accomplished in conjunction with the clinic itself, and documented through a patient medical record shared between the charitable clinic pharmacy and the clinic itself.
4.5. All screening guidelines, needs assessments, and revisions shall be submitted to the Board upon request.
4.6. Charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from the restrictions in Section 15-1.19.10 insofar as the charitable clinic pharmacy may provide prescription blanks imprinted with its name for prescribers working in the clinic to write prescriptions to be filled at the charitable clinic pharmacy.

Section 5. Prescription Drug Samples.

5.1. Except insofar as it may conflict with federal law, charitable clinic pharmacies are exempt from any State law or rule which restricts who may receive sample drugs from a manufacturer. However, a charitable clinic pharmacy shall only receive, possess, and dispense prescription drug samples if the following conditions are satisfied:
(a) The samples are dispensed at no charge to qualified indigent patients of that charitable clinic pharmacy;
(b) The samples are possessed in compliance with the Federal Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987, 21 U.S.C. §301 et seq, or its successor;
(c) The samples are in the original container in which they were placed by the manufacturer and the container is clearly marked sample;
(d) Prior to being furnished or dispensed, the samples have been stored under the proper conditions to prevent deterioration or contamination;
(e) The samples are clearly marked with an expiration date and lot number;
(f) The samples are not expired; and
(g) The samples are not a controlled substance.
5.2. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall not sell, purchase, or trade prescription drug samples.
5.3. Dispensing A Sample Drug By A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall comply with the following:
5.3.1. A pharmacist <u>or prescriber</u> in a charitable clinic pharmacy must have a valid prescription prior to dispensing a sample drug to a patient.

5.3.2. The charitable clinic pharmacy must determine the eligibility requirements for a patient to receive a sample drug.

5.3.3. The sample drug is dispensed to the patient free of charge.

5.3.4. The sample drug is dispensed:

(a) In the original container in which it was placed by its manufacturer where the container is clearly marked as sample; or

(b) By removing the sample drug from the original container only if the prescription label on the appropriate container, pursuant to rule 4729-9-02 of the Administrative Code, clearly states that the drug dispensed is a sample drug.

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~~Section 6. Pharmacist In Charge Responsibilities.~~

~~6.1. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall be responsible for implementing policies and procedures and a quality assurance program for operation of the charitable clinic pharmacy.~~

~~6.2. The pharmacist-in-charge at the charitable clinic pharmacy shall ensure through implementation of policies and procedures that the following occurs at the charitable clinic pharmacy:~~

~~(a) donated drugs dispensed from pharmacy are properly labeled;~~

~~(b) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required are not dispensed to patients;~~

~~(c) donated drugs are inspected prior to dispensing to determine that the donated drugs meet all federal and state requirements for product integrity;~~

~~(d) donated drugs that are expired, adulterated, misbranded, recalled, deteriorated, not kept under proper conditions are destroyed, or did not have the identifying drug information on them as required; and~~

~~(e) manifests for donated drugs that are dispensed or destroyed are created or maintained at the charitable clinic pharmacy for two (2) years from the date of destruction.~~

~~(f) Dispensing errors are documented and reported monthly to the Board.~~

Section 7

15-13-7 Limitations of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

7.2 All drug therapies and prescriptions shall be prescribed on an individual basis.

7.3 A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy shall not accept lost identity or unknown drugs.
7.4 No misbranded drugs shall be accepted by the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy
7.5 A Charitable Clinic Pharmacy may accept donated and unadulterated prescription drugs in their unbroken original manufacturer packaging from pharmacies, licensed prescribers, wholesalers or manufacturers, the State of West Virginia, the Board of Pharmacy or by other means, provided appropriate records of receipt are maintained.

Section 8. Continuing Education Credits for Volunteering in Charitable Clinic Pharmacy
8.1. A pharmacists who volunteers as a consulting pharmacist ~~in-charge~~ or a staff pharmacist in a charitable clinic pharmacy may earn up to a maximum of six live continuing education credits for such activities. For every eight hours worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as the Consulting Pharmacist ~~in-charge may earn one hour of live continuing education credit. For every ten hours~~ worked in a charitable clinic pharmacy as a staff pharmacist, the pharmacist may earn one hour of live continuing education credit.

15-13-9 Inspection and Investigation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies
9.1 The Board of Pharmacy shall create and implement the use of an Inspection Form which is consistent with the requirements under which Charitable Clinic Pharmacies shall operate as contemplated by WV Code ~~30-5-1b~~ and established by SB722.
9.2 Upon receipt of the completed inspection form, the Board of Pharmacy and any appointed Quality Control Committee or other such body of the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy may meet and confer to address and resolve issues which may impact the health and safety of the pharmacy patients. To the extent necessary, corrective plans may result from such meetings with timeframes established by the Board of Pharmacy for the resolution of Quality Control Measures.

West Virginia Association of Free Clinics

Report of Findings on Other Jurisdictions regarding Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Rules and Regulations

August 21, 2008

In a Personal Interview or by Mail the following information was provided by the Administrative Staff in Other States who were supportive in helping West Virginia Free Clinics in their mission to continue providing medications to the patients of the Free Clinics.

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Tennessee

Partners for Healing
Pat, Administrator
Tullahoma, TN 913-455-5014

8/14/08 – Contact by Phone
In Tennessee the "Free Clinics" do not have Pharmacists on Site. Nurse Practitioners and Physicians dispense the medications.
The reference made to PIC's in Tennessee she related to regular pharmacies who also dispense to indigent patients the donated medications and their PIC's at those pharmacies have requirements. They do not have a pharmacist in their FREE CLINIC at all.
Statement by Administrator: If the Free Clinic would have to follow the PIC requirements in Tennessee, we would not have the resources to continue serving the patients.

Kentucky

St. Luke Free Clinic
Claudia Sowell, Director
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

8/21/08 – Contact by Phone
In Kentucky the Board of Pharmacy established rules for a PIC long after they were serving patients. As a result of the PIC requirement, many patients had to return multiple times to the clinic for medications. It has been a hardship on the patients in that state.
Samples are kept in a secure area and not in the room they identify as the pharmacy. The PIC and/or Pharmacist are not responsible for samples the practitioners pass out.
They also have written agreements between the pharmacists so the Pharmacy Techs can store prescriptions in the secure area and provide those to the patients if the Pharmacist is not there.
All Pharmacists and PIC's are volunteer.
Statement by Director: Good Luck with this, your clinic patients will either find a way to come back in a timeframe that you can get a Pharmacist to volunteer or they will do without their medications, that is what happened in Kentucky.

Arkansas
Chuck Morrison
Arkansas Association of Charitable Clinics
8/08/08 – By Email
In Arkansas the regulations were in place before the free clinics were in business so they have never been exempt from BOP. All Pharmacists there are volunteer.
A licensed pharmacist must be present when the pharmacy is open. Every clinic pharmacy has a PIC. They have PIC volunteers for every clinic. Of their 17 clinics 2 have to pay a pharmacist in order to provide medications, they have no state or federal funding so they depend on volunteer pharmacists. He stated that they are very generous to the clinics in Arkansas. We have a shortage of pharmacists in WV, how generous can they be?

Wisconsin

8/08/08 – By Email
Barb Tylenda – Director
In Wisconsin the Free Clinics would be shut-down by having to conform to Pharmacy Regulations. The State allows the free clinics to operate Medication Dispensing Rooms. They are run like the WV Free Clinic Dispensing Areas.
They track all medications in and out with pharmacy software to ensure patient safety.
She said they decided that no Free Clinic in their state could survive Pharmacy Rules and Regulations.

Ohio

8/22/08
Laura - By Email
Ohio Association of Free Clinics
Free clinics apply for level 2 or level 3 distributors license as a clinic. The licenses are applied for under a Physician. As long as the license is a clinic license, they do not need a pharmacist to dispense drugs. The Dr. who applies for the license is responsible for dispensation. This person oversees the operations of the pharmacy and makes sure they following policy and procedure.

The following indicate to me that a pharmacist would be required in the Charitable Clinic Pharmacy because of the statement "must follow all federal and state laws, rules and regulations that pertain to pharmacies and the practice of pharmacy, except as otherwise provided specifically herein." Nowhere in the proposed rules are we excluded from the items listed below in Title 15.

In Proposed Rules

Section 15-13-3 Charitable Clinic Pharmacy Permit Required

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Title 15
The Legislative Rules and Regulations of the WV Board of Pharmacy

2.1.39 "Pharmacy technician" means registered supportive personnel who **work under the direct supervision of a pharmacist**, and who have passed an approved training program.

2.1.11 "**Direct supervision**" **means that a licensed pharmacist is physically present in the pharmacy** and is available to verify the accuracy of a prescription before it is dispensed.

(There are no changes in the proposed rules that change these definitions)

Other items listed in the current State laws that will affect clinics and indicte the need for a pharmacist:

14.7 Security

14.7.2 A device for the detection of breaking and/or entering shall be installed in each prescription department in each pharmacy. The installation and the device shall be based on accepted burglar alarm industry standards or approved by the Board, and are subject to the following conditions:

#4. Deactivation of the alarm system for the prescription department shall be restricted to the pharmacists working at the pharmacy, and the system shall be activated whenever the pharmacist is not on duty.

14.7.3 The door keys and alarm activation and de-activation codes to the prescription areas are subject to the following:

1. **Only pharmacists practicing at the pharmacy and authorized by the pharmacist- in-charge may possess any keys to the locks on the doors of the prescriptive area.**

14.7.4 In the absence of a pharmacist, a sign with a minimum of four (4) inch letters shall be prominently displayed stating: "Pharmacy Closed. No Pharmacist On Duty", and the pharmacist shall secure the pharmacy by implementing any barriers and security devices prior to leaving the pharmacy.

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

David Potters, Executive Director

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RE: Comments on Proposed Rules to Pharmacy 15-13

To whom it may concern:

This letter is written in hopes of persuading the board and all pertinent parties that the Proposed Rules to Pharmacy 15-13 should be upheld. It is in the best interest of West Virginia patients that a pharmacist be involved in *at least* the dispensing stage of each medication transaction. While well-meaning parties may argue that our health care system cannot afford to incorporate a pharmacist into the care of all patients, it is strongly my argument that those patients who have the least ability to control the quality and content of their health care be protected by the state from having systems which do not ensure minimum standards of oversight. West Virginia citizens who do not have the means to pay for their medications should NOT be given inferior care with the excuse that we cannot afford otherwise.

After reciprocating to West Virginia from Arkansas a few years ago, I quickly noticed that indigent care clinics operated without any regulation by the Board of Pharmacy. This shocked and concerned me and has kept me from considering becoming a volunteer in such clinics as I had been in Arkansas and before that, in Indiana. I am quite familiar with indigent care clinic regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy as I assisted the clinic and foundation where I volunteered in their attempts in obtaining a dispensing permit. Arkansas law functions quite well in that there are several clinics throughout the state which serve large numbers of patients. As I have met with the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy on multiple occasions on this issue, I can attest to the board members' meticulous commitment to the quality and quantity of care being provided to its citizens. Arkansas is very similar to West Virginia, in its rurality and economics.

Patient needs CAN be met while ensuring minimum standards of care for ALL sectors of the population, not just those who can afford it. It is our responsibility to West Virginia's entire patient base to raise the level of practice in areas where we currently have gaps, areas that currently function outside of legal sanction. The proposition is practical and will improve care to those served, not diminish it.

Professionally yours,

Renee McCafferty, MS PharmD BCPS

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August 26, 2008

WV Board of Pharmacies
Attn: David Potters
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Senate Bill 722

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Sincerely,

Joanne Nobile

Aug. 28, 2008

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Re: New Health Clinic Regulations/Oversight

Dear Sir:

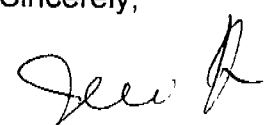
I have been lucky in that I have an employer who until Sept. 1 was able to afford health insurance coverage for his employees. No longer. I can see the possibility of using the services of a WV health clinic myself. One time in the past I relied on my local health clinic and was thankful for the temporary safety net.

Perhaps you don't understand what it is like not to be able to afford health insurance and prescription coverage. Perhaps you don't understand what it is like to live on my salary which is not $100,000 a year, the average for your profession according to the newspaper. Perhaps the state legislature and the board did not understand what your new oversight would mean to health clinics and the poor they "pander" to. I'm not so sure.

Can I ask you why a pharmacist must be present to administer even free samples? My doctor and his nurse give me free samples, given them by pharmaceutical salesmen, and I don't think either are licensed pharmacists or licensed pharmacy technicians. Why can my private doctor hand out freebies but the state health clinics cannot? Hence my skepticism about the real reason for these regulations.

I hope you and the board reconsider the plight of the poor vs. job protection and profit for your profession and rescind these regulations.

Sincerely,



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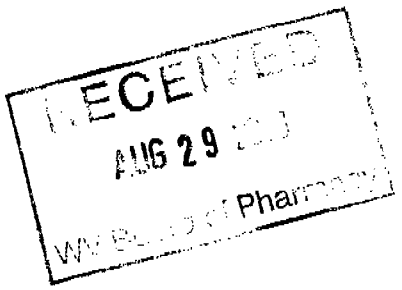

Linda A. Spratt
111 Cessna St.
Beckley, WV 25801

August 27, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301

To Whom It May Concern:

This morning I read the article in the Register Herald entitled, "They don't care." Which I am enclosing.

How easy it is today, to forget there are many people, who not only, cannot afford to go to the doctor, or afford the way to high prices of prescription drugs. They don't have even the bare necessities, such as food to make it through the month. I am not referring to those who abuse the system, who still sell their food stamp cards to the local drug dealers. I am talking about those who work every day and could use a helping hand, like the free clinics.

The Bible says in Micah 6:8 "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Maybe what we need here in West Virginia is to walk a mile in someone else's shoes, who are really in need.

Sincerely yours

Linda Spratt

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They don't care

Board of Pharmacy attempting to derail care for the needy

We're not sure whether its ego, politics or simple ignorance, but the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy is taking a track which will cause irreparable damage to the free clinics in West Virginia, jeopardizing health care for more than 200,000 needy adults.

Please understand some facts about who these West Virginians are that go to free clinics.

The majority are actually members of the workforce but cannot obtain health insurance because it is not offered or is unaffordable. They don't have Medicaid cards. Stuck in the middle.

Most free clinic patients are being treated for long term and chronic illnesses with maintenance medications. They are all adults and at no time are narcotics distributed.

In the 25 years of free clinic operations in the Mountain State there have been no lawsuits or complaints of negligence.

You see, these facilities are not Doc-in-the-Box walk-in clinics. They are staffed by physicians donating their time, along with nurses and practitioners, to offer free care and free medication for a huge segment of our population that needs us the most.

It disgusts us that in the greatest country in the world we still have major trouble with the delivery of health care. Someday, maybe that will change, but in the meantime we have to do what we can to tend to our own.

Earlier this year, the Board of Pharmacy had legislation (SB722) introduced to require the free clinics to employ a pharmacist or technician to dispense the free meds. This would require some of the clinics to pay out a minimum of $100,000 per year and up to $300,000 at the larger sites to satisfy this rule.

Definitely enough of a fiscal burden to close nearly all of West Virginia's 10 free clinics.

This caused quite an uproar and the bill eventually passed with lawmakers assuring the free clinics that they would have a voice and would be able to actively participate in the process to create the rules.

The legislators' intent was good, but the Board of Pharmacy, through the direct actions of its executive director, never really involved or considered what the free clinics had to say when it came time to promulgate the aforementioned rules.

Bullying the needy and for what?

This Friday at 3 p.m. is the deadline for public comment on the rules and a two-hour period is all that will be afforded to make any changes before the document is readied for submission to the Legislature.

If this measure isn't stopped, the multi-million dollars in uncompensated health care already provided annually by state hospitals will skyrocket.

Time is of the essence, we encourage you to send a letter today to the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, 232 Capitol St., Charleston, WV, 25301 and express your disdain over this egregious act; however, you also might want to get in touch with your state legislators, as well.

At this point, it seems as if they will be the only ones capable of squelching this power grab that negatively impacts so many West Virginians.

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To The Board of Pharmacy:

I have volunteered for years at the West Virginia Health Right Clinic. As Clinical Director overseeing the Emergency Departments of CAMC, this is definitely going to make the ER overcrowding worse.

This part of Health Right has work superbly well in the last 26 years. If it is not broken, it does not need to be fixed.

Sincerely,

Constantino Y. Amores, MD
Clinical Director
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To the Board of Pharmacy:

How can you propose rules that would affect the ability of working poor of West Virginia to obtain free medications? Where will low-income, uninsured individuals go for their medicines if the free clinics have to designate one pharmacist as the pharmacist in charge? While the proposed rules state this individual could be a volunteer, no one will volunteer to be the pharmacist in charge given the liability and responsibilities of that position. In addition, free clinics do not have the resources to pay a staff of medical professionals.

Our organization is deeply concerned because we know how devastating it will be to thousands of working individuals who cannot afford health insurance if the rules you have proposed become a reality. The issue of safety has been stated as the reason for creating the rules, but you are making a problem where there is none. In all the years of operation, we have not heard any complaints about the dispensing of medications at the free clinics.

Free clinics must be allowed to operate differently from retail pharmacies! Please pull the rule and develop a consensus rule that allows for both access to pharmaceuticals and patient protection.

Sincerely,

Gary Zuckett

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Attention: Mr. David Potters
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Dear Mr. Potters:

Making it necessary for Morgantown Health Right and similar agencies to provide a pharmacist to issue all drugs to patients is a travesty on justice and a terrible **disservice to the poor and disadvantaged. Furthermore, it is a slap in the face to** physicians and others who give their time and professional services free.

The law or regulation that requires the presence of a pharmacist is wrong—dead wrong. What is happening to the heart of this state?

Sincerely,

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy that would implement Senate Bill 722, forcing free clinics in the state to incur substantial additional operating expense to hire an on-site pharmacist to dispense medications to their patients.

Mercer County is fortunate to have Mercer Health Right that provides free medical care and medications to hundreds of area people who do not have health insurance and are unable to afford to pay for medical care. As it is, Mercer Health Right depends upon charitable donations and fund raising events to raise much of its operating funds, and generous and civic minded medical personnel who donate their time to provide accessible care to these disadvantaged citizens. The pharmaceuticals distributed by Health Right are donated by physician offices and pharmaceutical companies.

It would not be feasible for free clinics like Mercer Health Right to pay a pharmacist to be on site and dispense medications. Such an onerous requirement would no doubt force the closure of many of these valuable community service organizations, and would place others in jeopardy. Losing the services of free clinics would be a serious blow to our communities, and would unnecessarily put at risk the thousands of patients who now depend upon free clinics.

The Rotary Club of Bluefield, W. Va. strongly urges the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to reconsider implementing these rules, and take no action that would negatively affect to ability of free health clinics to continue to provide their valuable services to needy West Virginians.

Sincerely,

James H. Shott

James H. Shott
Director and Immediate Past President

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WV Board of Pharmacy
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Greetings,

I am writing to request that the Board continue to do all within power to support free clinics in WV through funding, policy and advocacy. The clinics serve an important role in the health care industry, with community accessibility, somewhat less red tape, and wide range of services. The pharmaceuticals they provide could not be purchased by many with severe needs, due to budgetary constraints.

As pointed out in the Gazette recently, the choice of food for a child or medicine for a mother is a decision that should not have to be made, and this board can help. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

Larry Levine

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Dear Pharmacy Board Members,

I do not envy you the task which lies ahead for you to make decisions concerning the future of the already underserved, uninsured patients of our state. I realize that it is your responsibility to assure the safety of these people and see that the laws passed governing pharmacy activities are met. However, the decisions you will be making in the near future will certainly impact the lives of thousands of people in this state that already have so many problems, especially with health care.

I have volunteered with the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Clinic for nine years. For several years, I was able to donate 16 hours a month to the clinic. But recently, like many other providers, I have had to scale back on the time I can donate in this role. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for these clinics to recruit providers. It has always been even more difficult to recruit volunteer time from pharmacists. There doesn't seem to be much interest from your peer group in helping these people. Thus, if it becomes mandatory for a pharmacist to be present for every medication to be counted, labeled, and dispensed to the patients, I certainly hope you will see to it that there is some incentive for pharmacists to help us in our efforts to care for these patients.

I am not worried about many of the prescriptions that we write for the patients at Ebenezer as I feel sometimes the easy access to things like antidepressants, muscle relaxants, sleeping medications and even antihistamines leads to over-prescribing. However, there are many medications that are necessary to maintain the health of most of our patients which are not available on the "$4 list" at Walmart. These medications are things like oral meds for diabetics who cannot be controlled with metformin..... or the patients with hypertension who need angiotensen receptor blockers or calcium channel blockers, which can cost almost $100 for a months supply. And of course, not all infections can be adequately treated with four dollar antibiotics....just as seizure controlling medications are not cheap.

I plead with you to find a solution for this problem, be it tax breaks for pharmacists that volunteer, methods of prepackaging medications to reduce errors, or waiving some of the regulations imposed by legislation if at all possible to allow the free clinics to continue to serve the indigent. Perhaps there is some way that local pharmacists can assist from their own pharmacy if they cannot afford the time to help at the clinic pharmacies.

It is so easy to think of "the indigent" as separate from us, but in reality, the patients I see at Ebenezer are my neighbors, who work as hard (or harder) at their jobs than I do. They have families that depend on them and they are proud citizens and tax payers in our state. The drug seekers, or abusers don't come to Ebenezer because they know they cannot get what they want, but instead these patients are people just like us who didn't have the opportunities in life that we have all been blessed with. I ask that you come to Ebenezer with me, meet some of my patients, and teach me how to explain to them that these changes will be in their best interest. I dare say you will leave with a heavy heart.

I have worked in rural Lincoln County with very poor patients and have spent hours trying to get medications from the pharmaceutical companies via the programs they so proudly brag about. Most of these programs are very difficult to utilize and they tend to suddenly stop providing the medications without warning. Now with Medicare Part D, many of these programs have been cancelled by the companies. Of course the ones who do still help the patients without insurance are appreciated and utilized by the free clinics in mass.

I know you are all concerned that someday a mistake might be made by a pharmacy tech that results in injury or even death of a patient. That is a worry for all of us, but each of us knows that a fatal mistake could also be made by a provider or even in your very own pharmacies. What I don't understand is why we would allow regulation and legislation that forces us to assure that hundreds of patients will have to go without medications necessary to improve their health or even sustain life. Aren't we deliberately causing harm by this action, and can we justify that in our own hearts and minds?

Respectfully,

Jane George CFNP

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David Potters
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Dear Sir:

I have read with concern about your rule which would make it difficult, or impossible, for free clinics to get medications to provide needy people who are unable to afford them. I can see the problem of paying pharmacists to be employed in these free clinics and see why it may be a problem if there are none in the clinic; but I also see that since drugs are all too high priced for all of us needing medicines, it will mean many indigent patients will die without this provision. When the condition worsens and they are taken to the emergency room, they will be unable to even get a prescription filled.

If you think of that happening to a loved one, it makes it more difficult to think of this happening to those too poor to go to doctors instead of only being able to go to a free clinic. Surely you and others on the Board of Pharmacy can think of a solution to this dilemma as you put yourselves in the place of "poor people."

Yours truly,
Twyla C. Wallace

Twyla C. Wallace
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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to you regarding the proposed pharmacy rules that would affect West Virginia Health Right's ability to dispense medications. My employer does not offer health insurance or perscription drug coverage. West Virginia Health Right is the only facility where I can get medical care and medications, which I couldn't otherwise afford.

I hope you decide against the proposed pharmacy rule as it would cause a great disruption in my health care.

Thank You,

Margaret A Bundash

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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to you regarding the proposed pharmacy rules that would affect West Virginia Health Right's ability to dispense medications. I was laid off by Union Stamping almost 2 years ago and lost my health insurance. Since then, I've been utilizing the services at West Virginia Health Right. It's there that I get my blood pressure medication, which I couldn't otherwise afford. I'm currently attending classes at Garnet in an effort to retain to work but until then, I'm without insurance and prescription coverage.

I hope you decide against the proposed pharmacy rule as it would cause a great disruption in my health care.

Thank You,

Pamela Harding

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Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy,

The purpose of this letter is to express my grave concerns regarding the traumatic consequences that will occur if the provisions of Senate Bill 722 are implemented. This legislation would require a pharmacist or a pharmacist technician to be present in order for a "free health clinic" to dispense needed medications. As we all know, most "free clinics" do not possess the resources to employ a pharmacist—and the ones that do are not able to pay the "fair market" salary of a pharmacist. The scarcity of pharmacists in West Virginia, especially in many rural communities, makes their availability to "free clinics" even more difficult.

With health care costs soaring, more unemployed and working West Virginians are relying on "free health clinics" for both their health care services and needed medications. Last year these clinics served approximately 50,000 West Virginians and filled approximately 480,000 prescriptions. The inability for these individuals to receive life-sustaining medications would not only have a devastating effect on their lives, but also on the lives of their family members and employers.

I know that "free health clinics" want to make certain their clients receive proper medications. I know, too, that pharmacists want to make certain that uninsured West Virginians receive the medications they require. As a result, I ask that you delay the implementation of Senate Bill 722, meet with officials from "free health clinics" and arrive at guidelines that will enable these West Virginians to continue to receive the life-sustaining medications they require.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely

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Dear Sir:

I am one of two part time nurse practitioners at the Beckley Health Right in Beckley WV. The rest of the professional staff is comprised of volunteer physicians, nurses and mid-level practitioners.

Our fiscal year ended in June of this year and during this time we serviced 1,750 patients during 6,650 office visits and gave away 20,500 medications without problems or complaints. The Board of Pharmacy's proposal for each free clinic to have a pharmacist on site would create such a financial hardship that we could not continue to provide these services to our patients.

Our free clinics fulfill a great need in the community. Most of our patients are employed and now have to deal with the added hardship, as we all do of increased gas prices. If we have to close our clinic, then these 1,750 patients will be without health care and medication. What will they do? Emergency Room visits will increase and health care cost will increase. For many of us the more important question is-what will happen to the person, the one with diabetes? Hypertension? How will they control their health problems?

Please consider other options to address your concerns regarding free clinics. Maybe the pharmacists, like the other providers, would volunteer some time.

Respectfully,

Patricia George

Patricia George MSN GNP-BC

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WV Board of Pharmacies
Attn: David Potters
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RE: Senate Bill 722

Dear Mr. Potters,

The Northern Panhandle is gifted with Wheeling Health Right. Those individuals ineligible for entitlements receive a much needed array of services with this fine organization. The community supports its fundraising projects; the professionals in the health field give selflessly of their time; the recipients of their service credit them for their well being and in many cases survival.

I realize standards are essential to ensure the public's welfare and safety. It seems though the very standards promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy will unintentionally undo the work of the free clinics and put people in harms way.

I have to believe our legislators did not want that. I urge you defer implementation of these rules until all affected parties, yourself, the free clinics and the recipients meet with our Legislators and resolve this issue.

We do not live in a country that provides universal health care. We do live in a county where the wealthy and working poor are growing distant from each others reach. No agenda, political or financial can release us from compassionately extending help to our fellow citizens in need.

Sincerely,

Gina Lancaster

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I am writing as a concerned citizen and as a physician in the active practice of primary care medicine. I express concern about the pending legislation Senate Bill 722 that proposes that a registered pharmacist must be on hand to dispense the medications the health care providers at the free clinics prescribe. Currently in the Mercer County area there are no pharmacists who are willing to volunteer their time and professional expertise in this area of health care (for the Mercer Health Right, Inc).

Were this bill to become law, it along with other Board of Pharmacy rules that prohibit other health care professionals to dispense medications would mean that no medications could be dispensed despite a professional medical evaluation (by a physician or other health care extender volunteering their time) and directing the use of medication. A full time pharmacist at this clinic would cost more than $100K, and this is not possible at this location whose current yearly budget is $260K.

I ask you to re review Senate Bill 722 and all other current proposals as well as regulations currently on the books that might have similar impact, and to make the necessary changes that will allow for complete medical / dental care and medication dispensing to be given to the neediest of the needy at this and similar locations.

Thank you for this consideration,

Charles H Hiles Jr MD

You may publish this letter.

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Mr. David Potters
Executive Director and General Counsel
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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors for the West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (WV ACEP). WV ACEP is comprised of over 170 practicing emergency physicians throughout the State of West Virginia. We are most concerned about the impact on patients of the proposed rules of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

As you may be aware, emergency departments (EDs) across the state and the nation continue to struggle to deal with increasing numbers of patients seeking care in many cases almost to the breaking point. As it stands, many EDs are so crowded that they are less able to respond to day-to-day emergencies, let alone disasters. Crowding is a crisis that results from the practice of 'boarding," or holding emergency patients in the ED, who have been admitted to the hospital. Dramatic changes have steered an alarming number of patients to the ED. The patients that do present are often much sicker, and usually the ED is their only access to care outside of weekday, daytime hours. What flows from this is: a) increased total length of stay worsening access to emergency care, b) increased incidence of those leaving without care, c) increased medical errors, and d) an increase in mortality.

Should the rules as written be implemented, a logical outcome is that free clinics in West Virginia will have less capacity to provide medications to the uninsured working poor due to the requirement to have all free clinic prescriptions checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing physician. If these patients are unable to receive maintenance medications (refills) in a timely manner for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma etc., experience shows us that there will be a corresponding increase in visits to the ED stemming from deteriorating yet avoidable health conditions – avoidable in that routine medication therapies provided by free clinics will no longer be feasible. This will further escalate the already critical situation caused by crowding. A secondary outcome of this rule implementation is reduced patient access to primary medical care at free clinics giving them no choice but to seek care in West Virginia EDs. This also will worsen the incidence of crowding and its many associated issues.

We fully recognize the laudable goal of the Board to ensure the safety of patients, especially in relation to medication dispensing. However, we implore you to reconsider any action to implement the proposed rules. Rather, we offer and are most willing to work in cooperation to develop other mechanisms to enhance safety such as development and implementation of policies and procedures to ensure that the needs of this most worthy patient population are met and not force them to neglect their own health to the point of a health crisis, leading to increased ED visits and hospital admissions.

If you would like to further discuss the concerns raised by WV ACEP, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most Sincerely,

Leah J. Heimbach, JD, RN, EMT-P
Executive Director

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David Potters
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Dear Mr. Potters,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed rules and regulations for charitable clinic pharmacies. I have been volunteering at Milan Puskar Health Right Clinic in Morgantown, as a diabetes educator, since 2000. During this time, I have seen many patients who simply cannot survive without the care and medications provided by the clinic.

I do think that the clinics should become charitable clinic pharmacies under the Board of Pharmacy. My concern is that the proposed rules and regulations do not take into consideration the very unique nature of these clinics. I am deeply concerned that if these rules and regulations are instituted as currently written, many patients will go without medications. Further, I believe that many patients will have adverse health outcomes related to not having medications. This would put further burden on an already overburdened health care system.

I am asking the Board of Pharmacy to pull the proposed rules and regulations and take the time to work with the WV Association of Free Clinics to focus on quality assurance issues. I am confident that taking the time to work together, both organizations can create rules that will allow patients to continue receiving the safe and high quality of care they have been.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail. I can be reached at (304) 291-0938 or by e-mail at whetsel@verizon.net.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Tara Whetsel

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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To Mr. David Potter:

I would like to weigh in on my opinion on the new rules being imposed on free clinic pharmacies by the Board of Pharmacy under SB 722. My understanding of regulations is that they should be there to protect the public from the exploitation and carelessness of special interests. I fail to see how this is the case with this legislation. Community supported free clinics, like Health Right established in Morgantown, have been a part of West Virginia's health care system for over ten years providing free primary care and medications for the working poor, the uninsured, and the homeless. Our state's public health depends on these clinics being able to provide care to these patients, who would not be able to afford health care anywhere else.

Now I respect pharmacists. My uncle is a pharmacist in Petersburg WV and is a major asset to his small community. I also understand the need for professional oversight--I always trust my pharmacist to watch for drug interactions. However, a few things need to be understood about free clinic pharmacies before imposing regulations. For one, we rely volunteers including our doctors, nurses, social workers, and others to help provide services. Many free clinics have not been able to secure volunteer commitments from the pharmacist community in order to meet the requirements of this legislation and do not necessarily expect to. Despite the exceptions in the bill, for all intensive purposes the regulations will require the services of a full time pharmacist to sign off for every medication. Also, the Board of Pharmacy needs to understand that none of the free clinics deal with any schedule I, II, or III substances. Many of our clients receive medications for diabetes, high blood pressure, and cholesterol. In addition, independent audits reveal that our error rate is comparable to retail pharmacies.

What we need is a compromise that reflects the realities of the free clinics and their mission. However, many free clinics feel that they were left out of the process—perhaps intentionally. We are not asking for much, just the right to provide our clients life-saving medicine free-of-charge. We ask for your help and understanding in meeting this challenge.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Potters,

Our office would like to express our concern regarding Senate Bill 722.

We are a University Health Service which attempts to provide some prescription medications for our students who do not have health insurance coverage. The passed Senate Bill 722 has seriously impacted our ability to provide quality care to our campus community.

Due to the current competitive nature of pharmaceutical companies, we do not get the numbers of samples that private physician's offices receive. While we do write several prescriptions, we do not write the quantities of prescription medicines necessary to be a target for drug company representatives.

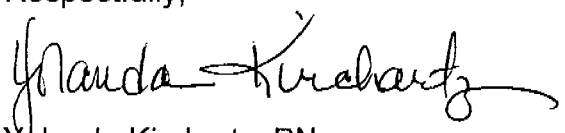
We are certainly aware of the need for prescription medicines to be contained in packaging that is child-proof where necessary, and for their distribution to be properly tracked. However, it makes little sense for our Nurse Practitioner to be able to write a prescription for a medication but at the same time be unable to give it, properly packaged, to a student who cannot afford to buy it.

Providing medications to students, in various fashions, is a huge part of the service we provide. In the past year we have given prescription medications to approximately 325 students, and to date have had no incident with this practice. In addition, we believe this practice has greatly increased treatment compliance in a population notorious for non-compliance.

In short, Senate Bill 722 would effectively render us unable to give the best quality care to our students.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to express concern about Senate Bill 722, which limits the ability of our student health clinic to dispense prescription medications to our students.

This limitation hinders us from helping our students, many of whom do not have insurance coverage and/or have limited transportation options to other locations to have the prescriptions filled.

We are able to write prescriptions, so our understanding of when it is appropriate to apply certain medications is not the issue.

We are allowed to provide pre-packaged "samples", so the actual provision of the medications is not seen as the root problem. We receive very limited quantities of these "sample" packages.

In the past we have been able to purchase larger quantities of medications, such as antibiotics, at reduced rates. We could then provide them free to our students who needed them. Senate Bill 722 took away this option.

I hope that the Board of Pharmacy will take a look at the consequences of this legislation (intended and unintended) and work with the legislature to address concerns such as these.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Hensley
Assistant to the President
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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing you in concern regarding recently passed Senate Bill 722.

As Vice President for Student Affairs at Fairmont State University, I am greatly concerned about the impact of this legislation on our campus health service's ability to provide the kind of quality health care we would like to be able to continue rendering. The legislation greatly impacts our students without health insurance who are unable to afford medications or who do not have transportation. We also have a considerable international student population, for whom this presents different challenges.

Overall, Senate Bill 722 dealt our ability to provide quality health care to our students a severe blow.

I urge you to reconsider the impact of this legislation on West Virginia's Colleges and Universities.

Respectfully,

Michael Belmear
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to comment on the rule "Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies". The rule while well intentioned appears to be flawed and will negatively impact uninsured West Virginians. The rule is based on a commercial delivery system as opposed to the reality of the free medication programs.

In particular the definition of free clinic pharmacies will include other entities that provide medications through patient assistance programs that do not break down the samples or repackage them. These entitles perform no differently than my for profit doctor who may provide me a sample of the new medication to determine if the prescription is effective.

For the poor the use of the Patient Assistance Programs (PAP) is key element of the health delivery system for those unlike you and I have no health insurance. Non-profit clinics help with these programs. Many of those who are helped work and pay taxes however they are not qualified for Medicaid nor can they afford health insurance.

In particular requiring these types of non profit clinics to even have a pharmacist is unworkable and serves no purpose. For example many mental health clinics which are non-profits have sample closets that the physician uses for his patients. These same clinics also help the patients get medications through PAPs. They store the medication until it is to be used by the patient. Your rule will end this practice as these non-profit clinics do not have the volume or desire to justify building a pharmacy.

If your goal is truly patient care and safety I would ask that you pull this rule and rework for reintroduction next year. There are unintended consequences. At a minimum it is my belief the board should take the time to review these and other comments in a deliberative manner prior to submitting an amended rule to the legislature. To do otherwise would be to subvert the process and in my estimation invalidate the proposed rule.

Sincerely yours:

Tom Susman

118 Capitol Street • Charleston, WV 25301
P. 304-345-1161 • F. 304-345-8111 • www.TSGsolution.com

Date: 8:30

From: Beverly A. Dean

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I will not be able to buy my prescriptions. I cannot afford to go to Doctors.

Please save Mom Clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Beverly Dean

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-20-08

From: John E. Wilson

102 Harvey Street

Huntington, W.Va. 25702

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

It's the only thing keeping me alive, I certainly couldn't afford it without Ebenezers Help. Let's see what happens if all the clinics are forced to close because of some imagined "liability" issue. This is what happens when Legislators have too much time on their hands. The doctors here know about the drugs they prescribe and the benefits FAR outweigh any tiny side effects, if any. If this rule passes I will make it a priority of mine and everyone in my sphere of influence to vote out the idiots responsible!

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John E. Wilson

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Date: 8-20-08

From: Kathy Wilson

102 Harvey Str.

Huntington, W.Va 25702

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

You want a Health Care Crisis? Close all the clinics that provide help for the poor people of this state, you'll see one b Why aren't the legislators standing up for the little Guy? I need my medicine b

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Wilson

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10 Sutherland Road
Huntington, West Virginia 25705

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August 20, 2008

Attention:
Board of Pharmacy
To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a regular volunteer at the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Center since my retirement as Professor of Nursing at Marshall University in 1999. During this time I have served as a clinic nurse and have served on the Board of Directors for two terms. I can attest to the dedication of Board members and the professionalism of the EMO staff.

I can also attest to the outstanding way in which all affairs of the clinic have served the medically indigent people who qualify for services. As you are aware our clients are uninsured and are considered for the most part in a category that is frequently called "the working poor."

The clients we serve cannot afford health care, dental care or any other type of preventive care or treatment for even the most common health problems. The only way they can receive any type of care is through emergency room visits when their conditions become acute and they can no longer tolerate the symptoms of the disease. There is most frequently no follow up care available to these clients except through our clinic.

I also want to attest to the professional way our Prescription Assistance Program is administered. The certified pharmacy technicians are well qualified to distribute the prescribed medications in accordance to the standards. A professional pharmacist is always available by phone to answer any questions or concerns that may arise.

I am willing to personally appear before the Board of Pharmacy to give testimony of my experience as a volunteer of Ebenezer Medical Outreach Clinic. I cannot imagine what would happen to the hundreds of clients we serve weekly if we can no longer afford to operate our Prescription Assistance Program.

Sincerely,

B. Jane Fotos

Barbara Jane C. Fotos, RN, MSN, EdD
Professor Emerita, Marshall University

Aug 25, 08

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I do not have a pain clinic, please allow me to continue dispensing medicine in our clinic as I have always done so we can continue to serve our clients. Otherwise, we cannot afford to hire a professional to do such.

Thank you,

Charles Edwards

51 Twp. Rd. 1206

Coshocton, OH. 43812

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Date: 8/20/2008

From: Diana Hudson
923 17th St.
Huntington W.Va. 25703

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance - I have been unemployed for over a year. My husband and I have only his disability to live on. Without this clinic providing my prescription assistance - I could easily die. Our State says they want to provide medical assistance to those of us who can't afford it any other way - now they are trying to take it away.

This is outrageous!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Hudson

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TO: THE BOARD OF PHARMACY AUGUST 22, 2008

My name is Nancy Susan Adkins. I go to Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc. for my medical needs and prescriptions. I have heart problems, high cholesterol , high blood pressure, and I am also a diabetic. If I could not get my prescriptions at Ebenezer, I would be forced to go off of some of my medications because the total cost of my medications are close to $500.00 a month. The sad part is there are many other people that are in the same situation as I am.

I am very satisfied with Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc. for my prescription needs. I have complete confidence in the people that work in the pharmacy. They are more professional and courteous than some Board Certified Pharmacists' in the area.

If the proposed rules that would require every free clinic in West Virginia to have a Board Certified Pharmacist on their staff are approved, it would be a disservice to all of the people that use these clinics to get their prescriptions. This means that people would go back to not getting the medicine they need that helps them lead a better quality of life because they cannot afford their medications, and most likely the death rate would start going up even more in West Virginia. Can you live with that?

West Virginia is one of the most depressed States in the US. The West Virginia politicians keep talking about better health care and prescription availability to the people. Now you want to take this service that these clinics provide for us away? These clinics do not dispense Narcotics. They have a pharmacy to talk to when they have a question.

The majority of these clinics cannot afford a Board Certified Pharmacist on their staff, or are the Pharmacist's going to donate their time like all of the Doctor's at these clinics do. I really doubt that. Please leave well enough alone, and let the people of West Virginia get the medications that they so desperately need for a better quality of life.
Thank You.

Nancy Susan Adkins - Nancy Susan Adkins
5100 Route 152
Apt. 313
Lavalette, WV 25535

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Date: Aug 12 2008

From: Linda Hall
RT 2 Box 300
Milton, WV 25541

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

A friend of mine goes to Edenwood Medical Outreach Inc. Without this help from them, she would not have been able to see a doctor or get her medication, since she had no insurance. I think it is wonderful that there is an organization that will help people who have medical problems. They help people in the surrounding area. There aren't very many places like this that will help people who need help. So let's continue the good work I said.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Hall

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Beverly Self
[illegible]
[illegible]

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have the money and this helps me So Much. please do Not close you don't know how much this helps me. If is wasn't for this Clinic. I wouldn't Be here please don't Close.

Beverly Self

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/05

From: Sybil Morrow
245 N Powell Circle Apt D
Col's Oh 43204

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OH BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not require assistance from this center, however, I am aware of many in the neighborhood of the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Clinic who depend on this center for assistance with their medical conditions.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sybil Morrow

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/25/07

From: Norma
914-200 St W.
Htgn, WV 25701

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

As An Employee (Pharmacy Tech - With 36 yrs. Experience) At A Free Clinic, I would say that the majority of our Patients are Middle Class Working People who can't Afford Ins. or Qualify For Medicaid. These Folks have Diabetes, Overweight & High Blood Pressure, Without the Free Clinic Pharmacies they won't be able to Purchase A Lot of their meds. For $4 00. Instead most will Do Without & Become Another Statistic In the National Healthcare System. I Feel this is Why This System Was Failed. The Leaders & Higher-ups Just Don't Care About The Patients & their Health
PS I'll Be Out of A Job In Case You Care.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/26/08

From: Jessi Allred
P.O. Box 5465
Hgtn., WV 25703

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Affordable Medicine is necessary for those of us with Medical needs. This facility is indeed a God send for those of us on fixed And limited income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-26-08

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From: Arnold Meade
8140 Stone Rd
Hamlin WV 25523

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I didn't have this I couldn't get my Medicine because I am on a Six income and cannot afford my Medicine and I would die I do good to just pay my bill's Please don't take this away from me and all the other people that need this ~~as~~ as much as I do.

Thank You

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Arnold Meade
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 27, 2008

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From: Brenda Richard
2177 Miller Rd.
Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Appreciate Ebenezer for their medicine. My family is on a limited income. If I don't get my medicine at Ebenezer I would have to quit taking my medicine. I am on atleast 3 different blood pressure medications, plus other medications. I cannot afford to quit taking my medications, and I cannot afford to buy it from a Pharmacy either

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Richard

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/26/08

From: Donna Hammond
209 2nd Ave
Ches. OH. 45619

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I feel that if it wasn't for Ebenezer Outreach clinic & pharmacy, that I wouldn't be here today, also I can't say Thank You enought.

Thank You again

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Hammond

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/20/08

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From: DIANA NOLAN
209 2ND AVE
CHESAPEAKE OH 45619

To Whom It May Concern:

Why my mother need medicine from my free clinic.

MY MOTHER COULD NOT SUEVIVE WITHOUT THE MEDICATION SHE RECEIVES FROM THE CLINIC.

SHE HAS NO INSURANCE AND IS UNABLE TO PAY FOR MEDICATION.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Nolan

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Date: 8/26/08

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From: ANGIE Ellis
1740 Phillip St.
Ironton OH 45638

To Whom It May Concern:

Why MY MOTHER need medicine from my free clinic.

My mother uses your free clinic for all of her medical needs. She has no insurance and couldn't afford to ~~pay~~ for medication without the ~~[illegible]~~ benefits of Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc.

My mother is a Diabetic and NEEDS your Clinic!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Angie Ellis

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/25/08

From: Gregory A. Simons
P.O. Box 102
Colloden WV 25510

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The medicine and healthcare provided to my wife by this clinic is so important because she is an Insulin dependant and her health doesn't allow her to consistantly hold a job. I only make $9.00 an hr. to support a family of five. The DHHR feels that our family is "SO RICH" that we barely qualify for any of there programs. Living paycheck to paycheck doesn't allow me to do the little extra things for my family that I would like. My wife already spends over $170.00 a month for diabetic Supplies. Add the cost of Insulin, Strips, and her other Meds, and we wouldn't be able to afford to provide my kids with a Mother.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Simons

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So you can see that the assistance this clinic provides is desperatly needed and greatly apreciated.

Date: 8/25/08

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From: Mariah woody
PO Box 102
Culloden WV 25510

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

It's wrong that they're closing ebenezer down because me and my sisters mommy needs medicine. My mommy needs medicine or she'll get really sick. Me and my sister love our mommy and we don't want her to die. Please, please, please dont close down the clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mariah woody

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-17-08

From: Jessie L Misner
81- Smith Drive
Huntington W.Va 25705

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I dont have a money to
get it without the Clinic
Without the Clinic I could not
have the medicine they have.
I dont have no other way to
get it plese dont stop it

Thank you
Very much

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely, Jessie Misner

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From: Karla S. Clyde
220 Staunton St
Huntington WV

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the Free Clinic because I am on a liquid diet and without it I would not be able to get my medication or go to the Doctor

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/19/08

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From: S. J. Atkins
2605 RT 75
Kenova, WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on a fixed income. I have no Insurance. Without the FREE clinic I could not recieve medical services.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan S Atkins

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9-21-2008

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From: Jacki Metz
P.O. Box 608 fifth ave
Ceredo, WV 25507

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Why do you think Any one goes to a free clinic? Because I and my family DO not make Enough money to buy Insurance Buy Groceries, Buy Gas, Pay Rent, Pay Utilies, and Raise a family on a single mothers Income. The free Clinic understands our need for Doctors care and Medication, My family would not be able to Buy the Medicantion and Groceries Rent Doctors Bills, Pay the utilities ~~at~~ because working full time I still could not afford my families medical needs. THANK GOD for the Services Medical Outreach. They care. If the Doctors limits at Prescription, If to soon we could have a better life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacki Metz

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-30-08

From: K.L. Ross
2158 W. 6th St,
Huntington, WV 25

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because my daughter works for a minimum wage, she doesn't have insurance. By the time she pays utilities, rent, food and gasoline, she hasn't money left to buy her medications. I think the clinic could stay and stay open for a lot of people need their medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 22, 08

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From: Constance S. McCoy
2421 Spring Valley Dr.
Huntington, W. Va.
25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There are alot of people in W Va, that cannot afford health Ins., and cannot afford to pay for these medicine, they work for min. wage, and it if wasn't for Clinics like Ebenezer, people would be without medicine, and be ill. I think clinics should stay open and help the people who need it, this is a very good cause, It can help alot of needy people, who need it, and deserve a chance to be healthy & happy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs Constance S. McCoy

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 22, 2008

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From: Pat Little
5588 Old Piedmont Rd.
Huntington, WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

A few people I know use this free clinic because they don't have insurance because they can't afford insurance. They work for minimum wage and trying to make a living. If it wasn't for this clinic - they couldn't afford their medications they need. This free clinic is very good for people low-income and need their medications to survive. Do something for the people in West Virginia.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pat Little

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/25/08

From: Connie Woodard
RR 3 Box 101-A-1
Ona, WV 25545

WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I couldn't come to Ebenezer for my medication, then I couldn't get it at all. Because I am on a fixed income, and do[redacted] not have the insurance to pay for my medication. But if I dont have these medications, then I could lose my life. Also I have my responsibilities as a mother of a 16 year old, a wife of a disabled 52 year old, and also take care of my 78 year old father. So that is why I need to be able to get my medication from Ebenezer Medical Outreach.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie E Woodard

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

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From: Wm Gatewood
925 21st Street
Huntington, WV 25703

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The Great Debate - The poor and minorities being oppressed further.

For me personally I am a non-insulin dependant diabetic and I use oral hypoglycemics to control my blood sugar along with diet and exercise. Without Ebenezer health clinic those medicines would not be available to me. You see I am in the "crack" of the system I make too much to receive any type of assistance from the state yet I don't make enough nor is adequate prescription coverage available to me through my employer. Please do not pass this bill that would make it impossible for Ebenezer Clinic to remain open.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William Gatewood

I agree you may publish this letter

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From: Kathleen Brown
2061 Donald Av
Htgn WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and I didn't even have a doctor until I came here, I support 3 people on 6.55 hr for 25 to 30 hrs a week. If you stop my medicine or my doctor from helping me I will be right back where I was - without! Poor people need help and I need Ebenizer. Please don't take the only help and my meds I need them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Brown

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 25th 2008

From: Samantha Setliff

2377 Kirby Road, Apt. 6
Milton, WV 25541

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my clinic because I do not have insurance nor can I afford it. I do not make enough money to be able to afford my medication that I need to live a normal life.

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Date: August 26, 08

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From: Teresa A. Caldwell
1627 R West Rd.
Hntg. W.V. 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

For starters I would like to say that with my health conditions I really don't know if I would be alive today. I do not have health insurance available to me, and have no other choice than to take and be considered so lucky to have EMO, staff, meds that actually save my life each and every day, so without my free meds. I would have no access to meds that I need everyday. EMO deserves so much more than I could ever repay. Thank You so much.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa Caldwell

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8 Aug 08

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From: Georg R Hall
207 Smith Br Rd
Huntington WVA 25704

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

To how it may concern if it was not for Ebenezer i could not get [redacted]. Doctored or get the med's i get i fill that Ebenezer with out anything i dont Think Ebenezer needs a pay Pharmacist to come down there people down there They Do great Job and i fill very good about the way they treat me and I trust all that works down there with out any concern

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Georg R Hall

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Date: 8-24-06

From: Tammy Hale
George or Hale
201 South Branch Road
Huntington, WV 25701

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't feel that we need a payed pharmacist to come to this clinic for my health and my medication Because I can't afford to go to any other pharamcy Because I don't have Insurance to go anywhere else. The people at Ebenzer does a very good Job, at giving my husband medications with out any problem, so we don't need any changes in the clinic. I feel very comfortable with the way it is now. So please Let it stay the way it is now. If we need anything from the doctor, They will try to help us, in anyway They can.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy Hale

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Date: 8-27-08

From: Dana T. Glenn Sr.
Rt 1 Box 528
Milton WV 25541

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a small business owner. I am the sole employee I have No medical coverage and I barely make enough to pay my bills. I have several medical conditions which require special medications. Without this free clinic and the pharmacy I could not afford to pay for my medications that keep me going

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dana T Glenn Sr

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David Potters
WV Board of Pharmacy
252 Capitol St
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:
I am asking that the Board of Pharmacy does not make a rule that prohibits free clinics and physicians offices from giving out free medicines. This will do nothing but hurt low income people who cannot afford costly medicines. PLEASE!!!!!!

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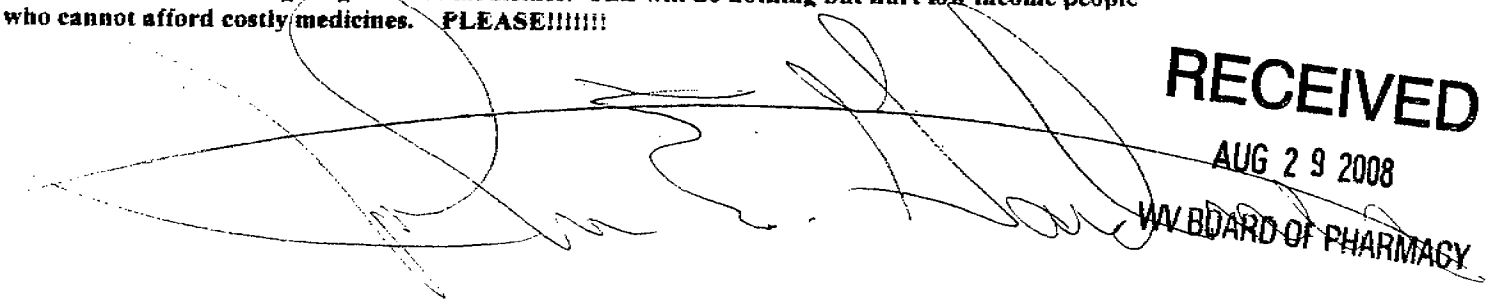

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Bobby Rothwell

David Potters
WV Board of Pharmacy
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Charleston, WV 25301

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Cathie Spadafora

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252 Capitol St
Charleston, WV 25301

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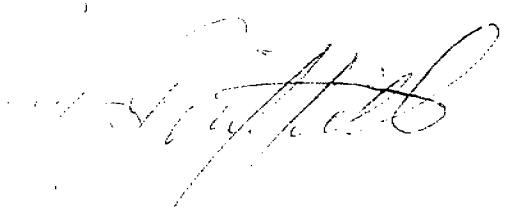

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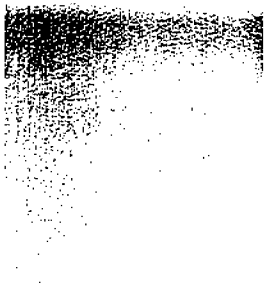

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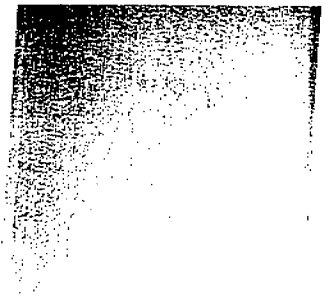

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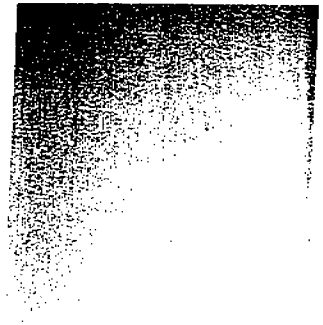

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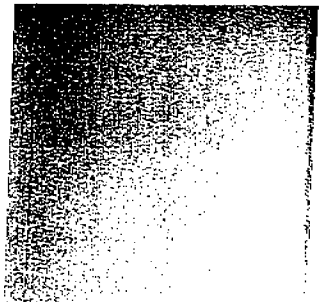

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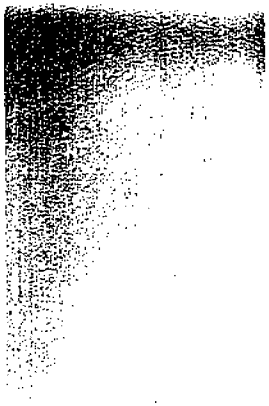

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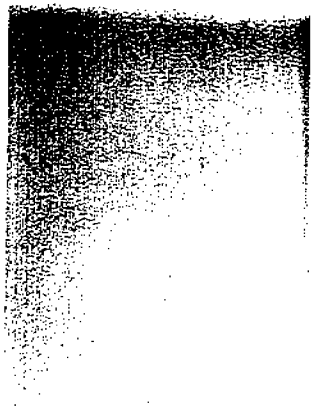

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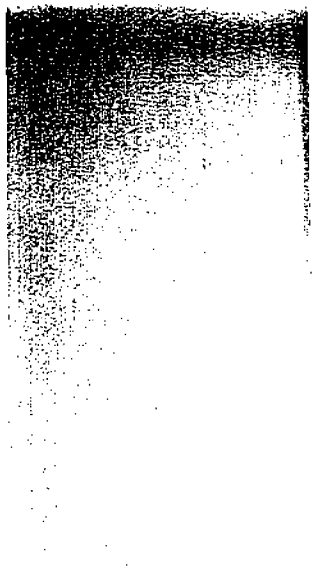

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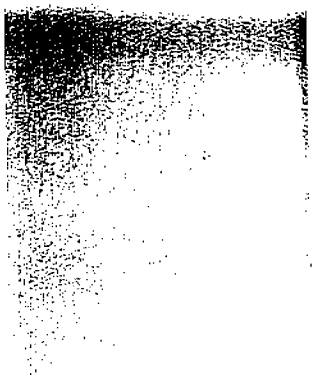

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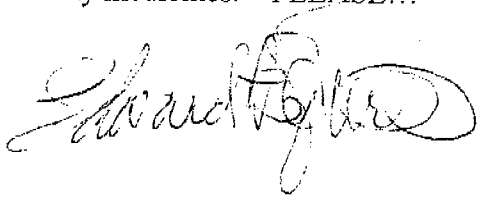

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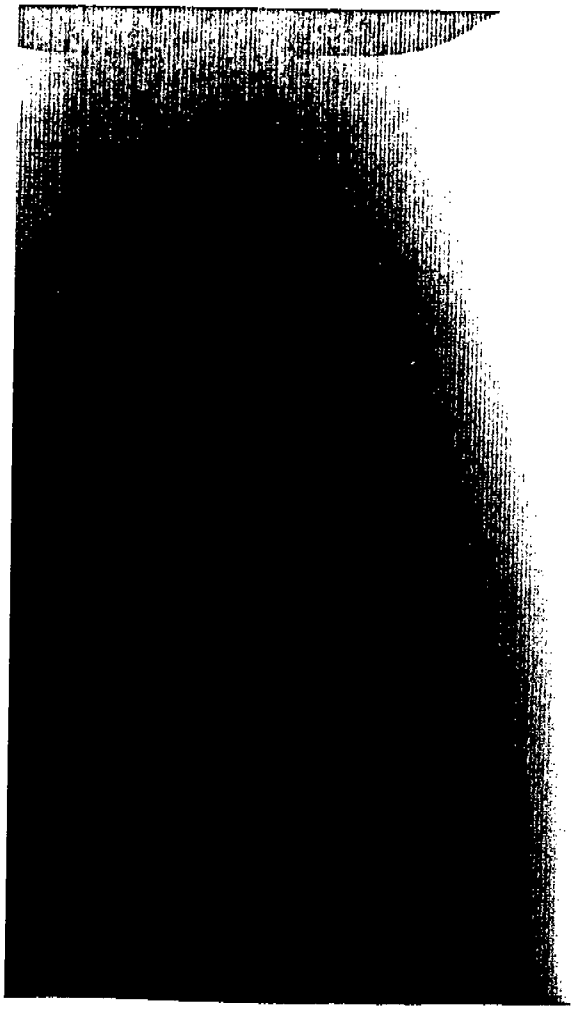

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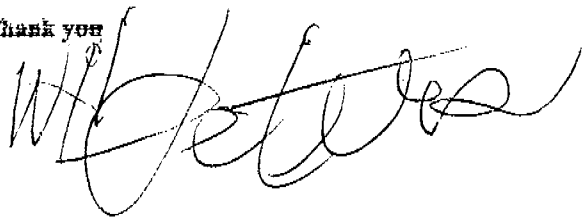

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Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
on behalf of
Nicole McCord

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am writing this on behalf of my daughter Nicole McCord, I pick up the medicine here at Logan Clinic for her. She is a single mom of two young children who she provides for, she can't drive & can't afford medical insurance or the copays. She tries to work as much as she can, but would be constantly sick and not able to get the medicine, she needs. She cannot afford the medicine any other way. If for [illegible] please write a prescription

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Sporting as a community

Sincerely,

[illegible]
I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8-18-08

From: Nancy Cowart
4875 Hillview Dr
Hugo WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am unemployed and have meds that I will have to take the rest of my life. Some months I Cant even come up with the small fee I am charged. The meds I have to take are very expensive. Without the clinics help I would not be able to look for employment or even live day to day as one should because I would have no way to get the meds I need. I have severe headaches, COPD and arthritis.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cowart

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Date: 8/28/08

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From: Karen Speaks
1009 Cheswaffeke Ct
Hunt. Ashland WV
25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This program has helped me alot at Ebenezer outreach Center. I am in my last stage of kidney failure and the medication is too much $ for me to afford and so is insurance considering I have two sons to care for. Through this program I can get my medication at a price I can afford and also get the care I need. Alot of people really need this clinic.

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Karen Speaks

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From: Sherry Riley
1076 County Rd. 36
Chesapeake Ohio 45619

To Whom It May Concern:

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Because I [redacted] could not pay for my medicine. I would have to do without! I need my medicine!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherry Riley

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 11, 2008

From: Barbara J. Adams
Rt 1 Box 320A
Lesage WV. 25537

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This free clinic is very important to me. I take care of 3 ladies in my home. I have no medical insurance, without this clinic and low cost medicine and care, I would probably do without any medical care for myself.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Adams

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Date: 8-15-2008

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From: Eva Farley
PO Box 546
Kenova, WV 25530

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Im a middle aged not yet legible for SS or medicare. I work 5 days a wk at min wage + as you know alls gone up in price "gas" "food" clothing insurance etc etc. I have NO med insurance + can't afford it if not offed ~~thought~~ through employment. My clinic can't afford a pharmicist. Come on now its a free clinic. My health is beginning to fail + I'm being seen by specialist at scale See but trust me on min wage this is difficult - Blood work oxygen Dr. fees X rays ect ect

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Eva Farley

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God Help Us We Can't Afford anything more!

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BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-18-08

From: Renata Williams
1292 Twp Rd 168
Willow Wood, OH 45696

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Right now I am waiting to get my disability and I can't afford the medication. I have a Chrons and without being able to come here to get Medications I would be worse than I am now. It has been a blessing It helps me to deal with daily life. My medications saves my life. This place helps me when I can't get help anywhere else. Please don't let this rule go into effect

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Renata Williams
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 14, 2008

From: Sharon Martin
4965 Doss Hill Rd
Barboursville WVa 25504

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I wouldn't be able to afford to get my medicine and therefore it would cause my blood pressure and cholesterol to get very high and it could lead to a stroke or heart attack. and for blood work and pap smears it (I) couldn't pay for it with my social security because I don't make enough to cover all of these medical needs I have. I need this (these supplies to be able to be healthy and live.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Sharon Martin
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 14, 2008

From: Kim Matton
4965 Lodd Hill Road
Barboursville, WV, 25504

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My mother-in-law needs to get her medicine and (blood pressure, cholesterol) services from these clinics because she can't afford to pay for these medications because her social security doesn't cover all of the costs she would have to pay for these and then she wouldn't have enough to make it on. She really needs these clinics to help her with her medical supplies and needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Kim Matton

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Date: Aug 17-28

From: Kathy Albright
3085 Herman Ridge Rd.
Huntington WV. 25701

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Hi, I need my medicine from there because I'm on a fixed income. My husband died Aug 8 2007 and they have help me with my Med. I was Blessed when I went to them. They are a very special people and I love were I can get my Med there for $12.00 monthly. So please keep these people here to help other people too. God Bless you all.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Kathy Albright

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Date: 8-17-08

From: Tresa K Taylor
2618 So. 9th Street
Ironton, Ohio 45638

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have medical issues that require daily medicine in order to continue living. Due to not having insurance I stopped (ran out of) my medicine And the end result was me ending up in the ER with congestive heart failure. Basically I was drowning in my own body fluid. I was told the medicine was and would always be a daily requirement and that if I stopped the meds I would most likely Not servive another episode. This program is a prayer come true for me, life saving, life sustaining.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tresa K Taylor

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Date: 8-18-08

From: Lori Holmes
Rt 1 Box 1538 CY
Wayne WV 25570

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 46 year old widdow my husband died unexpectedly leaving me unprepared. I now live with my mother and can Barely provide food, shelter and utilities. if I had to pay for my doctor visits and medacines I would be forced to do without. please ecnoledge my self and millions others like me! and reconsidder your proposed rule.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lori Holmes

I agree you may publish this letter

August 18, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

In the event Ebenezer Medical Outreach stops giving medications without a pharmacist a lot of people like my neighbor who has no insurance will not be able to get her medications, her husband is VA but wifes are not included. Therefore Norma Clark could not get medication if this rule changes.

"OK To Publish"

Royce & Pat McDonie
Rt. 1 Box 411
Milton, WV 25541

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August 18, 2008

To Whom It May Concern

This Clinic is important to a lot of Low Income Persons. If this closes down a lot of people will have no medications at all. This is Norma Clark's only means of getting her medicine.

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Elaine McDonie
Rt. 2 Box 34
Milton, WV. 25541

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Memo

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WI BOARD OF PHARMACY

From the Desk of

Norma Clark

I can't believe that the board of pharmacy would propose such a rule. to free clinic's, I need Ebenezer's help with my medical care, without this medical outreach program I would not have any hope to a better health I truely thank God for them. Lawmakers we depend on you, please don't let this happen.

Norma Clark.
Rt 1 Box 406 Milton Wi. 25541

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Memo

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BOARD OF PHARMACY

From the Desk of
Edgar Romine

Why in the world would the board of pharmacy involve there selves with free clinic's they are free and depend on volonteers to be able to help the hundred's of people who do not have the income to afford medical help elsewhere. free medicial outreach programs need's everyones support, law-makers stand behind these people don't take there hope away.

Edgar Romine

3406 Waverly Rd.
Huntington WV 25704

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KY BOARD OF PHARMACY

Memo

From the Desk of
Brenda Romine

I am responding to the proposed rule the board of pharmacy is trying to get passed.

I am appauld that they would pick on free clinic's my sister can't afford medical insurance and depends on the help of E-blenezer's medical outreach for any assistance they can provide her with the medicial problems she suffers every day. Lawmaker's you can give these people hope. they need your help.

Brenda Romine
3406 Waverly Rd
Huntington WV. 25704

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8/19/08

From: Michele Crompton
2790 McComas Rd.
Barboursville, W.VA
25504

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have thyroid disease and I cannot afford insurance to help me with my need - It helps me to assure my medical needs - Also to assure other peoples rights to have a clinic such as this one to assure people's right's to have a better and healthier lifestyle -

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Michele Crompton

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-19-08

AUG 25 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Mary Ann Caudill
Rt 2 Box 216
Ona, WV 25545

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not afford my medicine
If I could not get my medicine here
I would have to do without. Then
I would die because I have many
health concerns.
I do not want this bill to come
to pass
Plaes don't Do This

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Mary Ann Caudill
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 17, 2018

From: Delda Falian
Pt Pleasant WV

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because, as an international student, I couldn't afford to pay and even go through my open-heart-surgery but thanks to Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc which made it possible for me. They continue to support me with my medicines after my surgery. I am living because they (EMO) is existing, otherwise it would be tough for me. It is the same for other free clinics and what they do to save other peoples lives. There fore, WV Board of Pharmacy should step in to those free clinics and offer them your help instead of attacking them. Have mercy for unfortunate ones like me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Delda Falian

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 18, 2008

From: Renae Ueja
Pt. Pleasant, WV

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because, Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc. has done a lot for me. If this place was not established in place and doing what it is doing now, a lot of people would have suffered and died already. But thanks to Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc. it is saving a lot of peoples' lives. Therefore, WV Board of Pharmacy should take into consideration what these free clinics are doing and send your pharmacists to these clinics to help out in these needy areas, if you are really concern for peoples' lives. Have mercy for unfortunate lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Renae Ueja

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Date: 8-19-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: WAYNE
Phoebe Brooks
HC67 Box 116 Kiahsville W.V.
25534

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Cause I doesn't have the money to buy my medicine. And it a very very nice place to go.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 16 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: JERRI SKAGGS
6163 Rosalind Rd
Hyton

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Free vacation, free lunch, free clinic - Even so there are those of us who wish they had the simple self respect of being able to pay their own way - their own expenses - or debts. They wish insurance was affordable. Or for employment that would make it so. But with the decline of jobs and their availability it won't be.

If not for Ebenezer Medical Outreach and the capable kindness of the staff there would undoubtedly be more pain + suffering in the world. Thank you very much.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerri Skaggs

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Date: 8-19-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From Donna Starling
678 Cox Landing
Lesage, WV 25537
(304) 634-7982

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would not be able to help my medicine it costs to much for me to buy so I would have to go without.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Donna Starling

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Date: 8/18/08

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From: Katherine Stephens
P.O. Box 984
Wayne WV 25570

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medication to function well enough to goto work daily because I have Fibromyalgia an I have several problems concerning my Body function depending on my medication. I would be in a hospital for many reasons Without my meds. which my body organs an muscles an nerves Would enable me to work. I have been highly appreciative to all Ebenezer Medical for me

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stephens

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Kim A. Crawford
1631 - 8th Ave.
Hgn WV 25701

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can't afford it on my own.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

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I agree you may publish this letter

If my Mother Patricia Davis looses her Medicine, She would be in very Bad Shape and could loose her life. She's Diabetic, depressed and in alot of pain and She has very little income and is unable to pay for Medicat,ion

Becky Davis

Date: 8-15-08

From: Becky Davis
RT# 2 Box 314
Prichard, WV 25553-
304-486-5197

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If my mother Pat Davis should lose all of her medications She would Suffer from all of her diabetes and high blood Pressure and all of her other numerous ailments Plus She lives on a fixed income and cannot afford her meds. She would be greatly hurt in many ways if her meds were to be taken from her. She could literally die if her meds were taken from her.

Melissa R. Davis

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8-15-08

From: Patricia Davis
RT # 2 Box 314
Prichard, WV 25555
304-486-5197

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

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Because if I could not get my medicine Free
I Would Die!!! Plain and simple
I have NOT very much money I have
a Fixed income SS I dont get much and I
have b.lls and RENT To pay and none
Left over for FUN or anything much
I am very depressed if you took
my meds you would The same as murder me
I hope you dont want to do that to me?
I need Help Please DONT do this
EBenezer is Wonderful and my LiveLine
I could not Live without them
Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patricia Davis
I agree you may publish this letter and I hope you do

I have no other means of help I am not old
enough for Welfare or insarance if I could get it
Please I need help I am very sick
Do NOT Become a Killer of others either

I don't
Could you Live on 2 tens
a month you spend That much
on Dinner I bet

Date: August 20, 2008

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AUG 29 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Cathy D. Adkins
1111 State Rt. 10 North
Branchland, WV 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single mother working a minimum wage job. I do not have any health insurance. If it wasn't for Ebenezer Clinic I could not afford my medications. I need my Insulin or I may not be able to work. I can not afford to buy medication and provide food and clothing for my child.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy D. Adkins

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Date: _____

From: _____

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

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Date: 8/20/08

From: Melody Faught
2436 Benedict Rd
Culloden, WV. 25510

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because of my income. No income
and Insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melody Faught

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Date: 8/20/08

From: Melissa Roberts
826 Virginia Ave #2
Huntington, WV
25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance I am a Type II Diabetic I have high Blood pressure & Cholestrol. My medical Card was taken from me Nov 2007 I need my medicine for survival I am a single mother of 4 kids and how am I going to raise them if something should happen to me?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Roberts

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Date: [illegible]

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From: Mary Daniels
1837 Cook School Rd.
Huntington, W.V.
25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The Reason I need Medicine from my clinic is, because I cannot afford Every or All the medicines That They require me To use. It takes All I can make to Some To keep Utilites & Auto Ins. up to date. Plus what Little groceries I can afford after That.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Daniels

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Date: 8-21-08

From: Vickie Scott
c/o 412 - 9th St.
Huntington, WV 25701

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Income is Low and I've Been Out of Work Since Feb 08'. Ebenezer Has Saved My Life and Cared for Me Wonderfully. I truly Need Medication and A Pharmacist is Not Necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Vickie Scott

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

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From: Donette Wood
5358 Henry Fruncis Rd.
Belle, WV. 25304

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I come to this clinic. If it wasn't for this clinic I have to choose between food or paying my utility bills. I thank God every time I come into the clinic for answereed pray. With out this clinic I would'nt have no where else to go. I need some of my medicine so I can go to work and feel good about myself and help others do the same. We have a need for this clinic. It Servies alot people in need. Many I Thank God for trust

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donita Wood

I agree you may publish this letter

To whom it may concern,

I, Hope Hatfield, do not want a pharmacist in Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc. I have family that have no insurance. The Ebenezer clinic is the only way they can afford thier medicine.

Thank You
Hope Hatfield

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To Whom It May Concern

I Martha Williamson
do not want a Pharmacist
in Ebenezer Medicaid out Reach
dpt. There are a lot of
Men women & Children that
have no one they need the
Clinic for Their Medicade

Thank you
Martha Williamson

To whom it may concern,

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I, David Hatfield, do not go against a pharmacist in the Ebenezer Medical Outreach, INC. clinic. I have family and friends that have NO INSURANCE. Please do not let this happen, they depend on this clinic for medication.

Thank You
David C. Hatfield

Date: 8-15-08

From: Roger Messinger
50 Ten Mile Rd
Ranger WV 25557

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because, I have Acid Reflux Disease, and I Don't have Insurance. If it wasn't for Ebenezer Clinic, I would not be able to afford my medicine. And there is a lot of people, just Like Me that doesn't have Insurance, and needs there medicines. I thank God for them. So please help them, to Help People. Please don't take this away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger Messinger
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: Dreama Messinger
50 Ten Mile Rd
Ranger WV 25557

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have Thyroid Disease, and I don't have insurance, We need our Free Clinic, without it, we would not have any medicines. I thank God everyday for them. So please don't take this away from us. We would not be able to afford the medicine that we need So please don't take this away From us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dreama Messinger

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 7-28-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Nancy Banks
15 Brookside Acres
Shinnston WV 26431

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 54 year old female married to a wonderful man. Our only problem is he is working for minimum wage. I have been unable to work for the past two years and so our financial situation has gone below poverty level. We both suffer from hypertension and diabetes. I have been diagnosed with cardiomegaly and systemic mastocytosis. We would be lost without the wonderful staff of Health Right and the medications they provide. To put it simply taking away medications would cause the deaths of many innocent people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Banks

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-25-08

From: Betty Burns
79 Davis Heights Rd.
Maidsville, WV 26541

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The reason I need meds from my free clinic is very simple. If it weren't for MHR, I would not be able to buy all of my meds. My meds run around $500.00 per month. My husband had to quit working, due to health problems. Our only income is his social security check. I have had 2 open heart surgeries & a stroke, but am not old enough to get social security. MHR has helped me out for the past 16 years with my medications. It would be a real hardship for me, if I could not depend on them. Hopefully your decision will be a good one for me, and all the other patients at MHR.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Betty Burns

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

79 Davis Heights Rd.
Maidsville, WV 26541

Date: August 25, 2008

From: Shirley L. Cross
P.O. Box 421
Anmoore WV. 26323

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband and I are on a very small fixed income and I can not afford medical or prescription insurance. Therefore I have depended on Healthright Clinic for 12 years for my medications. I take several different medications daily (15 to be exact) all of which I depend on Healthright Clinic for. Because of our very limited budget, if Health right was unable to continue providing these meds to me I would be unable to continue taking them therefore putting my health at Risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley L. Cross

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Date: 8-26-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Donna Brutto
Lot 128 Woodland Ter
Morgantown, WV
26505

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was a patient of Health Right for over 15 yrs. If not for the free meds I received during that time I probably would not be doing as good as I am because I could not have afforded the meds that I need to keep my life going. I know there are other people out there that need the meds the way I do and only hope you can continue to give that help the way Health Right helped me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Brutto

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Date: 26-8-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Joe L.L. TATE
207 McKinney St
Fairmont WV. 26554

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

IF Bill 722 PASS I CAN NOT afford My MediaTioNS
I Need heart Med's H.B.P Med's Diabetes Med's
and other Med's HANDy MAN work do NOT PAY
Med's NoNey I and other Need Help-We
They Need Free They Stay Same Need Free Clinics
To Stay They Same ;
Say NO To Bill 722

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Joe Tate

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/20/08

From: Linda Meadows
320 Home St.
Fairmont, WV. 26554

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic. Please Reconsider changing LAW 722 For it is Very departmental to Patients who Need to Recieve Meds AS I Am A Patient OF the Free Clinic, And could Not Recieve Any Health CARE AT All IF it Were Not For the "Volunteers" THAT Give their Hearts And Time To Work in These Clinics To Provide Health care And medications And Also the Wounderful Pharmacys Companys THAT Provide Free Meds to Patients like my self.

My Husband had A Brain Stem Stroke in "97" I Provide 24-7 CARE And Did without Health CARE For 6 yrs before Hearing About Health Right. I HAD No Health Coverage or could Not obtain Meds For my Health Problems until I heard OF The Free clinic. I truely Thank God every DAY Fo These "great Volunteers" who Work long hours And HAve SACRIFICED There lives To help others. For Free!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Linda Meadows

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 26, 2008

From: Dawn Hill

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work in a child care facility that barely pays over the "new" minimum wage and offers NO benefits. If it weren't for the medicines I can get for free from Health Right, I would probably be dead. My blood pressure was dangerously high when I started coming here and without these medicines, it will be high again. Please don't change the current policies * my life depends on it *

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawn Hill

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Date: August 25, 2008

From: Ellen Heinze
14489 River Road
Morgantown WV 26501

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have high blood pressure, asthma and type II diabetes. I do not have any medical insurance nor enough extra money to pay for my medications. Milan Puskar Health Right has always been wonderful in providing me with my meds for 15 years. The people working in the pharmacy are very professional and have not made any mistakes with my meds during these 15 years. There hasn't been a full time pharmacist in my 15 years as a patient. To put this law in effect (Pharmacist at all times) will hurt people in our free clinics all over the state. I ask that you do not act on this law, as many people will not be able to receive medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Heinze

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 25, 2008

From: Brenda Stefanick
4481 River Road
Morgantown WV 26501

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm responding as a former Mid-Atlantic Health Right patient. I have many health issues some life threatening. I was disabled but not Medicare eligible. MHR provided me with services and medications, I know that I would not be alive today without this care. The pharmacy was prompt and accurate in dispensing my medications, which was important to my conditions. I am a nurse by profession. The passing of S.B. 722 would be devastating to many people who do not have medical coverage or monies to pay for medications. These free clinics are their only hope these clinics do not have the funding for full time pharmacist therefore medications would not be dispensed. Please consider this and reject SB 722 for the benefit of our West Virginia people who rely on free clinics.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Stefanick

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Date: 8/20/2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: RICK ROBERTS
10374 W.V. HIGHWAY 47 W
COXS MILLS, W.V. 26342-8271

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM SELF-EMPLOYED. MY INCOME IS AVERAGING 400 TO 800 DOLLARS PER MONTH. I HAVE NO INSURANCE. WE DRIVE 90 MILES TO GET MY MEDICATIONS FROM WALTERBORO. I DONT HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT GAS PRICES AND THE EFFECT IT IS HAVING ON PEOPLE IF YOU WATCH THE NEWS. MY MORTGAGE AND UTILITIES- PHONE, ELECTRIC, GAS AVERAGES 441.00. MY MEDICATIONS ARE 288.60, IF I HAVE TO GO TO WAL-MART AND PAY FOR THEM OUT-OF-POCKET. I HAVE TO BUY GROCERIES AND GAS ALSO. I CAN NOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE WITH MY MEDICATIONS IF THE CLINICS ARE FORCED OUT OF PROVIDING MEDICATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER THE EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF PEOPLE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Roberts

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Date: 8-25-08

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From: Madeline Blake
RR 1 Box 497 B
Farmington WV 26571

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The Free Clinics in West Virginia help a lot of people who have limited or low income. Most people who cannot afford help from other agencies because they do not meet guidelines that have to be very strict. Since they are not for profit they are able to help people who are in need. I have been helped by the Free Clinic in the past 8 years. I trust them to help. I need free meds that are life saving drugs that I need. These drugs are very expensive and I have medical complaints about my free pharmacy is open. This letter means and please this is of the people who depend on medicine care that they need otherwise.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Madeline Blake

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Date: 8-25-08

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From: Rhonda Cowger
P O Box 367
Shinnston, WV 26431

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have health insurance or make enough money to pay out-of-pocket for my medications. If I cannot get my medication from my free clinic I will have to give up some of the meds I take that make me feel better, that are more preventative than necessity.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Cowger

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Date: 8-25-2008

From: Rick Blosser

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if people like me it hard to pay for your medicine plus if your at your apartment you can pick up your medicine. There is not enough Places for low income people to go if we now get over med. how are we to get better or to try to live a some what normal life. without this place to help one then there is no hope and no hope then why?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Blosser

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Date: 8-22-08

From: Kathy Cushway

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

As the mother-in-law of one of your patients, I thank god every day that you are able to provide service and meds for my son-in-law. He has terrible asthma, and without your services, I just don't know how he would make it.

Thank You and God Bless

Ms. K.D. Cushway LW BSN

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Date: 8/21/08

From: Shirley F. Rogers
Rt 1 Box 264-F
Reedsville, WV 26547

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Dear Board of Pharmacy,

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

because I have no health insurance and there would be no way I could get meds for myself. my children have medical cards and my husband is 100% disabled and on Social Security disabilty this would be terrible if people could not get their meds from healthright.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley

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Date: 8/25/08

From: Braja Smith
204 Cherry Street
Morgantown, WV 26505

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not personally use the services at Health Right, but I know many who would be impacted by the decision to require free clinics to become licensed. The local free clinic, Health Right, would have to stop its current level of service and would have to institute a longer wait period. This could be a critical delay for many who need treatment immediately. Since there is a very low error rate at Health Right, I do not see how requiring the pharmacy to be licensed would be beneficial. Please reconsider Senate Bill 722.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Smith

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Date: 8/25/08

From: Dylan Ballett
317 Brockway Ave. Apt. 2
Morgantown, WV 26501

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Senate Bill 722 is negatively impacting the entire community by preventing local free clinics From functioning the way they need to. The availability of free and cheap medication can actually save lives, and when Health Right doesn't even carry narcotics, there's no reason not to keep these helpful medications available.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dylan Ballett

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Date: 8/25/08

From: Michelle Wakeley
601-3 E. Brockway Ave.
Morgantown, WV 26501

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work with several people who need Health Right for medications and therapy. Due to transportation and income Health Right is necessary !!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

MWakeley

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Date: 08-25-08

From: Trisha Demastes
1110 University ave
morgantown wv 26505

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Most of the people that go to health right and get medications free. Some people are homeless and barely can have anough money to get food or along as getting in medicine. The fact of people being able to get medicine is wonderful to get people who really needs to medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Trisha Demastes

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Date: 8-25-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Elwood Mayle
330 Wilson Lane
Elkins W. Va. 26241

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My wife need her meds. We cannot afford to pay for these meds. and we cannot afford them. This Pharmacy is important.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Elwood Mayle

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From: Debbie Mayle
330 Wilson Ln
Elkins WV 26241

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have any medical at all, can't afford it. My husband is on Disabely. The only income we have. I need this program for my meds. I have fibromyalgia and I need many meds I cannot afford to pay for.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Debbie Mayle

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Date: 08 25 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Marlena Smith
1110 University Ave Morgantown WV 26508

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free clinic because I simply cannot afford it, and I need it to survive. I am a diabetic and I don't have any health insurance and cannot afford any and this clinic has been and is a big help for me. I do appreciate the services provided and hope that I can continue to receive them services. thanks alot.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Marlena Smith

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Date: 8-25-08

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From: Charlie CHASE
678 FAIRCHANCE RD
MGNT. W.VA 26508

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I'm low INCOME.
need help with med.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charlie Chase

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Date: 8-25-2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Nancy Hoy
508 E. Park Ave
Fairmont, WVa
26554

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on many medications. I don't have any Medicaid Insurance. This is very important for me to get this help and for many people I know. This free clinic is a life saver.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hoy

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Date: 8-25-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Nancy Cooley
Rt 1 Box 243
Bruceton Mills WVa
26525

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine I can't buy ~~want~~ what I need to take care of myself with working and keeping up with it all. I really persons the always there all help me with Meds and the doctors - They are grateful to have a Thank you all

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Nancy Cooley

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Date: 08/25/08

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From: Wayne Miller
University Ave
Morgantown, WV 26505

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

It helps people. You have people out here that need it. I have a disability due to my heart condition. Getting medicine from here has helped me survive while I am waiting on social security.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wayne D Miller

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Date: 8/25/08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Tina Bresock
SM Lamesa Vlg.
Mgtw, WV 26508

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am unable to afford my medications if I wasn't able to get them at the free clinic. The meds I am on are for some life threatening situations & very expensive.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Tina Bresock

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Date: 8-22-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Steve Miller
PO Box 105
Aurora, WV 26705

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have several health conditions that require Medications. Some are extremely expensive (Actos, Cymbalta, inhalers, etc). Without the help from Healthright, I couldn't afford these. I am unemployed and have no insurance. I would have to stop these medications. For me, and many others. These are literally life saving meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Miller

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Date: 8/22/2008

From: JOANN DAVIDSON

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no Insurance and NO Income, except for my HUSBANDS Income of only $819.60 per year. Insurance is unaffordable and I have a hard time AFFORD to make ENDS meet. I GIVE Donation Here, At Least $15 per mo. I would also like to know how else I may help as possible. My medicine would be affected if I'm 65 years old, Almost (10) years from now. I also can't find any Gainful employment Either. Please let me know what else I can do that will help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joann Davidson

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Date: 8/26/08

From: Brenda Jefferson

Rt# 3 box 150

milton W.V.A 25541

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If It wasent for the Free clinic I could not get my mednice that I need because I Do not have money to buy It with. and I do not Euglify For a medical Card. so as hong as the Free clinic stays open at heast I know I will have The mednice I need to Keep my Dibetice under Contal and all my other mednice that I need for my Illnesses. So please keep the Free chinc open so people hike me and all others can continue to get the mednices that they need for their daily living because every body dont have Insurance and Plenty of money to spend.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Jefferson

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Date: 8-19-08

From: Cretha Workman
489 Greenshad Rd.
Harts, WV 25524

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would not be able to afford my medications if it were not for Ebenezer Medical Outreach. We are on a fixed income. My medications alone are over $300.00 a month; if I had to get them at a Pharmacy. If it came down to that, then I would not be able to get them. Ebenezer Medical Outreach has been a blessing for me. I take seven different kinds of medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cretha Workman

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Date: 8/26/08

From: Kristin Burton
1014 Chestnut St
Kenova WV 25530

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without Ebenezer I could not afford to buy medicine I need. I don't know what I would do. I know my health would decline. Please don't impose this rule! Ebenezer means the world to me!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burton

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-24-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Patricia Ann Leasdon
505 9th Ave West
Hinton WV 25951

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I take Velantin, Hyzaar, and Levothroid, without Ebenezers it would be hard to get my medicine, My husband and I are on a low income when paying bills, rent and buying groceries we don't have much left. We both get Social Security and my husband gets SSI. I hope every thing works out that I still get my medicine at Ebenezers

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Leasdon

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Date: August 22, 2008

From: Juanita Hamlin
750 Jump Rd 109
South Point, Oh. 45680

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been coming to Ebenezer Medical Outreach since about april 2006. I am also a diabetic & have no insurance. This program with it's Pharmacy has been a very blessing in time of my need. The Meds I need each month are expensive & without these people, I probably have to do without Dr & Med Care that I received. I am thankful & grateful for all of those who have so graciously given of themselves to help others, from this office. All of them were very kind.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Juanita J. Hamlin

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Date: August 26, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: JERRY HAMLIN
750 TOWNSHIP ROAD 109
SOUTH POINT, OH 45680

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE, EVEN THOUGH I WORK PART TIME.
I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET DR.'S CARE OR MY MEDICINES IF IT WASN'T FOR GETTING TO COME TO EBENEZER MEDICAL OUTREACH.
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF WHO DEPEND ON THIS PROGRAM.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lee Hamlin

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Date: 8-5-08

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From: Mary Salmons
94 Twp Rd 303
Proctorville, Ohio 45669

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

When I first started going to Ebenezer Clinic I had buffered 2 Bouts with ~~Ec~~ my pancreas. I had no insurance no way to get my medicines or to have a Dr. Both of which I desperately needed. According to Welfare I had to many resources to get help - I was in my early 50's and could'nt qualify for any programs to help. Thank God for E M O. I would most likely be dead, if not for their help with my meds. Currently I take around 20 Rx's. There is no way I could Buy them all

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Salmons

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 24. 2008

From: BUFORD L LOVE

155 TOWNSHIP RD 1173

PROCTORVILLE, OHIO 45669

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am not a participant in this medical facility. But as the cost of health care rises, there is a great need for a free clinic that distributes medicine for the people that cannot afford it. It is unexplainable to me that every time there is a disaster in other countries we supply them with money & medicine to help, while the people in the U.S. struggle for health care. It is about time the U.S government helps their own. When it comes to the American people, it seems that the government never has the money. But they can always find the money when it comes to foreign countries.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Buford L Love

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Date: July 11 - 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: LORA BAKER
PROCTORVILLE, OHIO
45669

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

WITH TODAYS HIGH COST OF LIVING EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE COST OF MEDICATION - I FEEL IT IS VITAL TO KEEP THIS CLINIC OPEN FOR ALL WHO ARE IN NEED OF FREE MEDICATIONS AND HEALTH CARE!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Date: 8/12/08

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From: Lucille Lewis
223 T.S.R 1368
Proctorville Ohio
45669

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I can not afford the medicine which I take. The Clinic will make sure I receive any & all medicine prescribed. I have a Medical Card, but it doesn't cover all my medicine so I must go some where else to get it. Some people have no coverage at all & will need the Free clinic to remain open.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

yes
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 17, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Dana Whitney
5741 A Guyan River Rd
Huntington, W.Va 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have many friends who are patients at Ebenezer. My friends worry one day they will have no insulin, heart medications, blood pressure medications, etc.... Due to economics, disability and illness they have no options for prescriptions or medical care. West Virginians cannot turn their back on this crisis. Senate Bill 722 must be about money but Ebenezer Medical Research is about survival, giving hope where all is lost, and SAVING LIVES. Ebenezer is their only refuge. Please do not consider proposed rules by the Board Of Pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dana Whitney
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/28/08

From: Vickie Setliff
2377 Kirby Rd. Apt 6
Milton WV. 25541

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from the clinic because at the Pharmacy it cost me 1,900 dollors a month I am Bypolar and my Meds help me live a normal life without them I can not work have a relasonship with my husband children or anyone I think of suaside and death constatly I and everyone else need this clinic it is a life Saver without it I do ~~do~~ not Know What I would have done I would not be here today.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Vickie Setliff

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Beverly Sweeney
832 Holiday Park
Salt Rock WV 25559

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I myself use to be a patient at the clinic and the medications that I have to have on a monthly basis, there is no way possible that I could afford them. It would cost me close to 1000.00 a month. I'm a diabetic and need insulin and other medications. This community would suffer a great loss if this were to happen. Too many low income families depend on this, Some could even be life or death circumstances.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beverly Sweeney

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-11-08

From: Roger McComas
405 Little Solida Rd
South Point OH 45680

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If you close down the Ebenezer Medical outreach the people that depend on it Will be in trouble the people that have touse it wont beable to aford there medicin

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger McComas

I agree you may publish this letter

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Patricia H. Anderson
50 Emmandale Drive
Huntington, West Virginia 25705

August 6, 2008

To whom it may concern:

As a community volunteer with over 7 years of service with Ebenezer Medical Outreach in Huntington, WV. I have witnessed first hand the impact this clinic has had on the people it serves. The patients, whom I refer to as the working poor, are very appreciative of the care they receive from both the medical and pharmacy staffs. The doctors, many of whom are specialist are able to diagnose and treat our patients' medical problems. Our pharmacy follows up by providing the much needed medicines at a nominal cost.

Without the care Ebenezer Medical Outreach provides, these individuals would not be able to afford medical costs. As a result emergency rooms would be even more over-crowded and/or individuals in need would not receive the necessary care they deserve.

Without free clinics such as Ebenezer Medical Outreach, the cost to our state would escalate dramatically and life expectancy would decrease. I urge you to continue the necessary funding.

Sincerely,

Patricia Anderson

Date: 8-14-08

From: Colleen Riggs
P.O. Box 261
Kenna, WV 25530

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The medicine we get at our free Clinic helps people who do not have insurance and less able to pay for it so we need the Clinic to stay open to help less fortunate people like us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Karen Baker

100 Victory Lane

West Pea Ridge

Huntington W. Va. 25705

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am an 18 year (DISABLED*) Healthcare employee From Cabell Huntington Hospital. I can-not Afford to pay the 700.00/ Monthly premium for Blue Cross/ Blue Shield to have "any" Kind of "Medical Coverage". No Testing? No Medications. "I HAVE SCLERODERMA" WITHOUT EBENEZER (-MEDICAL- OUTREACH) I would Have to (DO WITHOUT) ALL MY MEDICATION! THERE IS A 24 month waiting period for Medicare To even (Kick in)! I HAVE THE CHOICE OF MY MAKING MY House Payment (OR) Buying MY MEDICATION. WITHOUT EBENEZER I WILL HAVE TO GO Completly without "Healthcare" -and- Medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Baker

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/14/08

From: Mark Pelfrey
085 Twp Rd 387 N
Chesapeake Oh

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 45 years old and I have been coming To Ebenezer clinic for 2 years, I have Aplied for my Social Security but I haven't heard Anything About it, I have no Income But my wifes Social Security and welfare cheak for my granddaughter, I was born with Spinal Stenosis and I am In Crosic pain and I have Acid Reflux & High blood Pressure, High Cholesterol Diabetis And with Out the Help of Ebenezers Assistance, I would not be Able to make it Through one day

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Pelfrey

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-2008

From: Kathy Rickman
PO Box 1082
Lavalette WV 25535

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have Health Care Ins. Because ~~my~~ my Husband can't afford it. So that why ~~we~~ ~~got~~ come to the Clinic to get our medician when you have 2 small children you need to stay Healthy for them. if I don't take my medicine I would not be able to take care of my children.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Rickman

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Date: 08/14/08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: David Adkins
8 Clinton Place
Huntington WV 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Employment at $9.00 per hr, probable 30 hrs per week. Of this if I purchase my own medicine and supplies I average $300 per month. I drive 45 miles (90 round trip) to work. Pay $400 a month child support. This program is a life saver for me.

David

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 14th 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Lori A. Burdette
151 Leeward Avenue
Huntington, West Va.

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single mother of 1 child. I am on a fixed income. I receive no medical card, welfare or food stamps. I work every day just to get my son & I by. I have diabetes. Without the wonderful & caring people of Ebenezer Medical Outreach, I would have no means of receiving my medication. I could die. I don't know why you would want to take this facility away, but you would be grossly hurting many people, most of whom work hard and would not deserve it. Please, please rethink this decision & the people you will be affecting. Where would we go, would you care. What if it were your family?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lori Burdette

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 14, 2012

RECEIVED
AUG 29 2012
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: James R. Foreman
RR3 Box 2057
Wayne WV

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My father is 93 with cancer. I am an only child and had to quit a 60k a year job to take care of my parents. This left me without insurance. without the free clinic I will die and not be able to take care of my father. my cholestrol is always 250-300 and triglycerides 1200 to 1500 without medication. I also take high blood pressure pills. Please either pay my free clinic Pharmacist or drop the requirement or they cannot continue

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

J R Foreman

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/13/08

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From: Reba Conra
2208 Kirby Rd
Ona WV 25545

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I've Been Coming here for about two year
Because im on A Fixed income
i can't afford my med so we need
This program

Thank you
Reba Conra

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8-14-08

From: Judi Robertson
1117 Washington Ave. #3
Huntington WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have a minimum wage job. I can't afford to pay full price for my medicines because I take 7 different ones. It will be a disaster for me to take away My clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judi Robertson
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Date: 8-14-08

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From: Ruby Z Adkins
831 Washington Ave
Huntington WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Ebenezer is the only way I can afford to get my medicine. They do not have funding for a licensed pharmacist and if they can't dispense medications to me and people like myself we are going to be in real trouble. Please reconsider and let them continue helping us. They do a great job.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruby Z Adkins

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

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From: Sheila Lykins
P.O. Bx 1051 Ceredo
WV. Wayne Co. 25507

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Do you Relize that if your change does go into effect that not only me but others will suffer. Without E.M.O. I have no med's No help. EMO Helps many people and we need our Clinics. There are not enough programs like E.M.O with a careing staff and Medical staff to Meet our needs And they do just that! I have NO insurance what so ever do to jobs Not offering insurance and E.M.O. is my life line if you put this Rule into effect you take my life line. Please help me & others to Keep our Life line.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely, Sheila Lykins

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Date _____

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From: _____

836 McCulloch St.
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no health insurance so it means a great deal to me to get my medications for $2.00. Otherwise I could not afford to get it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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willing to have published ___ yes ___ no

Date: _____

From: _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

So I can Keep Taking my medicine To Stay Alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Willing to have published ___ yes ___ no

Date: _____

From: _____

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Limited Income - The elderly & uninsured & underinsured need these clinics. These are non-profit Clinics who help many patients. These clinics are needed to take Care of our own.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[X] I agree you may publish this letter

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To: _____

From: _____

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_____

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a 61 yr old woman living on a widows pension of $684 a month. I do not have health ins. and do not qualify for medicaid. I can not afford to pay for my medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely

_____

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From: Marilyn Barnhart
P.O. Box 6820 / 1046 Hil-Dar
Whg. WV. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am no longer covered by my husband's ins, he is disabled and gets medicare now. I have no way to pay for my heart med, or any other med's I need. I really depend on this clinic, for all my medical needs

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely

Marilyn Barnhart

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From: David Yocum
54640 Little Captina Rd
Powhatan Ohio 43942

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I work at a minimum wage job and can't afford the price of medicine at the pharmacy. I will appreciate that you keep Health Right pharmacy open It will be gladly appreciated

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely,
David Yocum

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From: M Melinda Smith
2002 Hancock St
Mdo.

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if I had to buy my Meds it would take most of my income & I would have no place to live or I would have no medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely,

M Melinda Smith

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From: Todd Knauer
RD 3 Box 265H-1
Whg. WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

In order for me & many other fellow West Virginians to continue on w/ life the Whg. Health Right is a necessity.

Many of us have problems already making ends meet just to pay our bills; let alone our prescriptions. So to be blunt this Clinic keeps hundreds, even thousands of people still living in the Ohio Valley.

Without the Health Rights services I would not be able to pay for my prescriptions

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
-Todd Knauer

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From: Patricia
Vandevender
120 Poplar Ave

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have not been here in a couple years but every time I've been a situation with not enough money this place has helped me a few times

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely,

Patricia Vandevender

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From: Tony Hammond
[illegible] Hosmer Rd.
Shadyside, Ohio 43947

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have any health insurance and I can't afford to buy my medicine. This clinic is the only way I have of getting my monthly medicine, ~~that~~ which I need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tony Hammond

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From: Christopher L. Sexton
1705 Center Street
Moundsville, WV. 26041-1336

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I speak from a view point which with my wife who has Febromyalgia - with Chronic Pain. I Relie on this program for help with Pharmacy. I'm on Social Security disability And need this program for ~~me~~ my wife because I dont make a lot of Money

Please excent this please

Thank You.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Christopher L. Sexton

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8-27-08

from Judy Pindaffa
129-15th Street 1st fl
Wheeling WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work for minimum wage which is 6.55 per hr. right now. The prices of my medication is high. Then I have utility bills to pay plus ect. So when I get done with all this I am lucky to have 5.00 left for the month.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Pindaffa

Date: 8-19-08

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From: Agnes Ashby
1208 Warwood Ave apt 203
Wheeling W. Va. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can't afford medicine I would get really sick and possibly die without my medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Agnes Ashby

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From: Jeff S Skinner
3919 Wood St
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I had ~~to~~ get my prescriptions filled at a regular pharmacy (Kroger, Rite Aid), they would cost a ~~$~~ whole lot more in price than the $2.00 I pay per refill where at Wheeling Health Right. And I couldn't ~~afford~~ afford to pay anymore than that.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff S Skinner

Date: [illegible]

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From: Roy Reed Sheldon Sr.
RR 5 Box 1343
Cameron, WV. 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 62 yrs old. I do not have an income I do not have medical insurance so I need my free clinic for medical help & for my medicine. Please do not close this clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Roy R Sheldon Sr.

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Date: [illegible]

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From: Mary Lou Sheldon
RR5 Box 1343
Cameron, WV 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am retired from the state of west Virginia. I cannot afford to go to a regular pharmacy to buy my medicine. I cannot afford medical insurance so I need my free clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary L Sheldon

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Date: [illegible]

From: Suzette Norman
3701 Chapline st.
Whg WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am in need of medication and can not afford to purchase it. Health Right providing this servic is a blessing to me. Without the discount prescriptions I wouldnt be able to get them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Suzette Norman

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Date: [illegible]

From: Joyce A. Woods
K.R.5th Box 590
Cameron, W.V. 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been unemployed for quite some time due to macular degeneration. I live with my son for now and have no money coming in or insurance.

I have no other alternative. I appreciate your services and all that you've done for me. It's a wonderful thing that you all do for people in our situations. Thank you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce A. Woods

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Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
2 8 Rose St 2 South
New Martinsville WV
26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I ~~@~~ take meds for Depression, fast heard beat, Extremly hg blood platelets (80,000) Nexium, & Could not afford to take these I would not if I could not get that at wheeling Health right. My husband & I live at poverty level & it takes all our money just to pay necessary - utilities, rent etc. bills ~~@~~ I am employed & he is on disability due to being blind & part deaf.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Harmon

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August 20, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

The rules you are proposing will have a devastating impact on the free clinics in the state and the nearly 50,000 patients who look to these clinics for their medical care and medications. Last year, almost 480,000 prescriptions were filled by the free clinics. Who is going to provide this care???

The rule, as you have stated it, will restrict volunteer doctors and other clinicians from providing samples and make it mandatory for a pharmacist to be present to dispense medications. PLEASE DON'T TRY TO MAKE CHANGES TO A SYSTEM THAT IS NOT BROKEN! THE LOW-INCOME, UNINSURED PATIENTS NEED THEIR MEDICATIONS AND CARE.

I ask you to pull the rule and work with the free clinics!

Sincerely,

Jordan Burkhart

cc: Wheeling Health Right, Inc.
61 – 29th Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
kbrown@wheelinghealthright.com

Box #149
316 Washington Ave.
Wheeling, WV 26003

August 20, 2008

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232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

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I ask you to pull the rule and work with the free clinics!

Sincerely, Zachary Bird

cc: Wheeling Health Right, Inc.
61 – 29th Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
kbrown@wheelinghealthright.com

Box #107
316 Washington Ave
Wheeling, WV
26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Debbie Wade-Alexander
R.D. #4 Box 25
Cameron, WV 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I had to pay for my medicines, I would not be able to pay any bills or buy any food. How would I live? Are we to choose between necessities as medicine? Please make the right decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wade-Alexander

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Zella Young
307 8th St
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it wasn't for the Pharmacy
I could not afford my meds. I
People with low income or no
income need a place like this.
You preach help the people. Well
help the people. We need
the pharmacy & Health Dept.
If you need to talk to
me, I'll be willing to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Zella Young

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From: [illegible]
[illegible]
Clarksburg WV 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a widow, currently laid off from my job, struggling to find work.
Without Health Kare I would not be able to get my medications.
I do not have any other health coverage, and I could not afford it either.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

From: Ross Black
RD 3 Box 402
Cameron WV 26033

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no medical coverage I have to take care of and elderly Lady 24-7 with no pay so I have no income of my own.
There is no Assistance under these Circomstances.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely

Ross Black

From: LARRY C GOSSETT
87 OHIO ST.
WHG. WV. 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Dear Board of Pharmacy I have a very low income and this is my only means of getting my Medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry C Gossett

From: Susan McElwain
3113 Jacob St.
Wheeling, WV. 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Unemployed

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

From: Elizabeth Stanick

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it were not for Health Rite I would not be able to afford my prescriptions. I am a single working mother with no insurance. Health Rite has helped me so much I hope this service continues.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stanick

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From:
DIANA CARLER

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM APPLYING FOR DISABILITY AT THIS TIME I HAVE NO INCOME, I HAVE ALSO WENT TO JOB + FAMILY SERVICES OF BELMONT COUNTY I HAVE BEEN DENIED. I HAVEN'T BOUGHT GROCERIES IN THREE MONTHS., IF I HAD TO PAY FOR PRESCRIPTIONS. ~~I COULD NOT BE I COULD~~ I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEM. I TAKE 8 MEDS DAILY!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Linda E. Fowler
604 S. Linden Ave
Bridgeport, WV
26330

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 62 years old, and retired. I have no health coverage, and cannot afford to pay for it. I had health care insurance thru my job, but it got cancelled because of the rising costs. If I had to pay for it, I would not have any money to live on to put wheeling Health Right out of business would be cruel and would hurt alot of people like me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda E. Fowler

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Date: _____

From: ELIZABETH CHRISTY
405 BROADWAY ST
MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There are people in this world that have to do a job without letting their personal feelings enter into their job. My info said that the head of pharmacists or something like that got mad at a some woman and is now punishing all clinics without a full time pharmacist. That's like me punishing my youngest son to what my oldest son did. It's not fair or rational! It's an adult temper tantrum. Surely the people in charge are more grown up than this. My free clinic is wonderful and I need their services.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Christy

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Date: _____

From: [illegible]

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work in a fast food restaurant. They do not offer a very good health plan. It is too expensive. I would be lost without Wheeling Health Right.

I take five different medicines. If I had to pay full price, I could not afford them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

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From: Lois RAMSEY
50839 KREBS HILL RD
CLARINGTON, OH 43915

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have any Insurance.
And I can get my medicine here cheap.
and even when I don't have money
they will let me have it. If I couldn't
get my medicine, I would have to do
with out.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely

Lois Ramsey

From: Clark Farmer

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have several health problems including DVT I would totally be lost without Healthright and my medicine Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 6/13/08

From: David Pettit
3401 Elk Avenue
Shadyside Ohio 43947
(740)676-8022

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am out of work and have just applied for social security disability I have no insurance and am living off of my wife's part-time job. I take the following medications:
Glucovance 5-500 - Potassium 10meq - Zocor 40mg
Isosorbid din 30mg - Aspirin 81mg - Lisinopril 25mg
Simvastatin 20mg - Celmc 100mg - ~~Fur~~ Furosemide 40mg
Coumadin 15mg - Tiazac 120 mg - Lantus 10 units
Cymbalta 30mg - Humalog mix 75-25 (55 units total)
Atenolol 25mg plus Test material & needles
There is no way I could afford to pay for these drugs. My wife takes all as many
Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Then I Die

Sincerely,

David L Pettit

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Date: [illegible]

From: Thomas A. Miller
1290 National Rd #315
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Secretary of State:

Why ~~I need~~ medicine IS NEEDED from my free clinic.

We have many, many people in the Wheeling area who cannot afford the high price of meds. Sometimes they do without food in order not to hurt and this is not right. We should pay more attention to "our own" and decrease benefits to the immigrants & increase benefits. We need to work for our benefits & some cannot get benefits even tho they earned them by working - This is not right -

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Miller

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Date: 8/26/08

From: JUANITA MIRRETH
1290 NATL. ROAD
WHG. W.VA. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
I AM NO LONGER A PATIENT AT WHG. HEALTH RIGHT AS I AM NOW ON MEDICARE, BUT UNTIL I RECEIVED HELP + MEDS FROM W.H.R., I DID WITHOUT MY MEDS. AND ALMOST DIED. I HAVE TO TAKE 5-MEDS, THERE IS NO WAY I COULD PAY FOR THESE AT A DRUG STORE. WE CAN'T LET THE PEOPLE DIE B/C OF LACK OF MEDS. + CARE WITH OUT OUR CLINICS + PHARMACIES. THE PEOPLE OF W.VA. HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WE CARE FOR THEM + THEY CAN RECEIVE THEIR MEDS, SO THEY CAN GO ON LIVING.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Juanita M. Mirreth

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Date: August 1

From: JUDY SAGELS
1290 NATL. RD.
WHG. WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM TOTALY DISABLED. I WENT TO WHG. HEALTH RIGHT FOR MY PERSCRIPTIONS THEY NEW I NEEDED HELP. THEY TOOK CARE OF ME, GAVE ME MY MEDS. WHTTOUT W.H.R. I WOULD HAVE DIED, I OWE THEM MY LIFE. THIS IS THE HONEST TO GOD TRUTH.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Sagels

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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8/26/08

From: Beatrice Ward
44-39th Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free clinic because my employeer does not provide medical insurance. I am not able to afford insurance Through any other means or company. The medicine I receive I must take everyday and I would not be cable to work or function without it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely

Beatrice Ward

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Date:_____

From:_____

119 Morton Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: _____

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From: _____

104 N. 10th Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not afford my meds
no other. I have a low paying
job and have 3 kids. My
husband is disable.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____

Willing to have published ___*yes* ___*no*

To: [illegible]

From: R. GRAY
1290 NTL RD
WHEELING WV

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I DON'T NEED IT RIGHT NOW
BUT LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE DO,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

Willing to have published ___ yes X no

Date: _____

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From: Velma McMorris
Apt 3 a
Brook Park Plaza
Wg WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not want to see the clinic close. These people need the medicine!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-24-08

From: Stella Sylvia
1290 Natl. Rd.
Wheeling WV.

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not need it now but I know other people that really need it & count on it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Stella Sylvia

Willing to have published Yes ___ No

Date: 8/26/08

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From: K. Renshaw
1290 National Rd
Wheeling WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't need it but some of my friends do

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

K Renshaw

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm speaking for my friends in need of this service.
I live in a Tri-Cities and many people are elderly and in need of many medications that they don't have the money and without this medicine they will not live.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ann L Martin

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 5/25/08

RECEIVED
AUG 29 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Phyllis Kelley
Box 1594
Sophia WV 25921

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

The reason I need my medicine at the Clinic there is no hassle waiting for my Medicine Cause it helps with the Cost. Plus its Nice to go to the doctor Cause get your medicine at the Same time it's very Convient for Everybody that Comes here.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Kelley

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Date: Aug 28, 2008

From: Sarah Lewis
82 9th Street
Beckley WV a 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Because I don't have the money nor Medical Card to go any where else. Thank God for Free Clinic and Good People that work here. My medicine help me to stay alive and well, without it I would be a Mess. Please Keep Helping All the Poor People...

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Lewis

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Date: _____

From: Jessica Baker
P.O Box 1662
Sophia WV 25921

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I can not Afford to buy medicine at regular cost. I do not think it is fair that they have to hire a licenced pharmacist. I could not live without my meds. You should not take the only hope working low income people like myself away. What do you expect the people working for you to do. All people in the federal goverment only try to screw low income families any wax.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Baker

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Date: 8-28-08

From: Dennis Wood
Po Box 1092
Sophia W.V 25921

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I Don't think it fair That Have TO Hire A PHarmacist TO give my meds out I couldn't live without ~~Hea~~ Health Right Can afford my meds I think it Really Unfair that Yall try TO close The free Clinics Down Because OF A Stupid Law that most of the people Can't afford those meds Because of High gas And food And Houses Prices All the federal Government Know How TO DO is Screw US. Poor People over

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Wood

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From: Christy Stover
Beckley WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

my Sonae really needs meds here because there is no way we could afford it for him

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Douglas Stover
314 Burgess ~~St~~ St
Beckley WV 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

It really helps me out while trying to get my life together. Theres no way alot of people without insurance could never afford the meds i get that I really need. I have Hypertension and other problems too that I really need med for

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Doug Stover

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Date: 05/28/08

From: JIMMY Walton
Beckley WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have been a pt w/ BHR for some yrs Now, I have HTN and I'M only 31 yrs old, I could and would not be able to see a physician or get the medication that controls my disease. The ~~FFD~~ facility employees take care of all my needs they go the extra mile to make sure that my meds are effective, and most of all affordable. If It was not for BHR providing my medicines and medical care I don't know what condition I would be in and if something happend to me, It would effect my whole family. Please consider your ways.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie Walton

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From: Kameron
T.
Lambert

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To Whom It May Concern;

~~Why I need~~ medicine ~~from my free clinic/WVRx~~.

This clinic does miricals for many poor people. And in doing this, is going to not only hurt my family financaly and my community. I bedeive it is rong and to also loose the nice people working here hurts me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kameron Lambert

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Date: 8-28-08

From: Dreama Bodkin
215 Heslip Ave
Fayetteville, WV 25840

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I do not utilize the free clinics, but know individuals who do and ~~most~~ all need these facilities to stay alive. The pharmaceutical companies make it impossible to afford medications on a fixed budget. I hope they take these letters to heart and start ~~th~~ putting others before themselves because thats what these facilities do.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dreama Bodkin

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From: Ginna L Smith
205 Edgar Dr
Beckley WV 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Without my medicine from Beckly Health I would not be able to get it, I would not even be able to even see a doctor. With my income I could not afford my medicine, or a doctors visit, me & my husband have to budget on our food bill, there is no way we could pay for the medicine I need and receive from Beckly Health right. What would medical bill cost people with out insurance, alot, and lower income family's can't afford it. Beckley Health is a great place, to help people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ginna L Smith

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From: Vicki Harris
PO Box 6
Midway, WV 25878

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

If I could not come here, and obtain my medication, I would not be able to sleep. If one can not sleep, one can not work, drive a car, function normally. This place is wonderful. If patients including my sister can not receive her medications free, she may die, or at least become very ill. This Board of Pharmacy rule to have to hire a Pharmacist, will lead some people right to the grave yard!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Vicki E. Harris

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From: Joseph A. Harrah

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I take Benicar for high blood. Without this medicine I could have a stroke or heart attack. I work but have no health insurance. I also have a wife and four kids to provide for. If something would happen that I would require hospitalization or (even worse) it would be utterly devastating to my family. I must rely on the services and medicine that Beckley Health Right provides for me and also my wife.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Harrah

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Date: 8-28-08

From: Debbie McGraw
PO Bx 1329
Sophia WV
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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

If Senate Bill 722 Passes, and I Can not receive my monthly free medications, I hope the state will start giving free funerals, because I will be dead. This Clinic is a God send to me, and others in the Community. No Pharmacist is neccessary for Health Rite. The staff is Competent. Also, there is no funds to hire one.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Debbie McGraw

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From: Yvette L Boggess

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have heard that you are closing the clinic. My concern is that there are alot of people in this region that have no income or are low income that need the clinics help. Insurance, even the supposed "affordable" insurance does not cover much of anything and prescription insurance has little options. People in our region are running out of options for healthcare and it is a shame that one more clinic will close. It is a loss for not just my friend, but a lot of others who need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Yvette L Butt Boggess

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Date: August 22, 2008

From: Daisie Redden

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am writing in concern for the proposed closing of Beckley Healthright. Although by God's Grace, I am not in need of this service at this time; I personally know persons, who without this service would not be able to afford their medications. People would have to make the choice of purchasing their medications or the basic needs to perserve life. I feel this service should be continued for the quality of life of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Daisie M Redden

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From: Amy Rogers

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

A friend of mine receives medicine from your clinic and needs to continue getting all her medicine, so she can be productive and can work to be a part of the work force. Health is a very important part to her as it should be. So being able to continue to receive her medicine from the clinic is very important.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Rogers

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From: [illegible]

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am sick about the closing of the Bickly Run Free Clinic, I do not use your clinic but I know I need a pill that do, and depend on the clinic because I can't afford much I make a month I have to buy food me medicine, the cost of living is so much because especially I am sick & Don't take this one that is needed among people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Several of my Co-Workers use this Clinic and also the elder The Closing of This would be a hardship on them. Because of the high cost of Health Care.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bea W Fowler

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From: Joan Browning
P.O. Box 427
Scarbo WV 25917
465-3713

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

To whom it may concern, I am writing this letter for a dear friend of mine, Judy L. Forbes. She is a patient at your clinic, She recieves her medicine there, because She has no Insurance By closing down this clinic it is like telling People like Judy that come to your clinic, you have to do without your medicine & healthcare, we cant help any more. Please help these People live. Some have no other way.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan Browning

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Date: 08-23-08

From: _____

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

A co-worker uses this facility and it is my understanding that it is useful to others as well. It is not a good idea to close this facility.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Escobedo

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Date: 8-23-08

From: Dawn Gravely

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

A friend advised me about the closing of this clinic, which would make a hardship on the elderly Please reconsider

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawn Gravely

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From: FRANCES A. MOSES
P.O. Box 166
Clear Creek, W.V. 25044
Ph. # 304-877-3759

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am a diabetic, hypertension, nerves and other assorted ailments. The meds. are too expensive for me alone. I would greatly appreciate the help from the clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Frances A. Moses

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From: Tonya Beverly

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

The clinic is for those who don't have medical insurance but need medical care / prescriptions for their well being. Closing the clinic would be bad for the health & well being of those who use the clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tonya L Beverly

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From: Jill Lester

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I'm married with 2 children and we need this clinic. Especially for the people that have no insurance. please keep this clinic open!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jill Lester

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Date: 8-25-08

From: S Kubach

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have two children & no insurance they are alot of people in Beckley who dont have alot of money or insurance so it would not be a good ideal to close the clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Kubach

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Date: 8-26-08

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From: Cecil Forbes

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

My wife goes to Beckly Health Right for her medication, She has no insurance to pay for her medicine. ~~Wh~~ With out Beckly Health Right she and all the other Patients will be ~~wo~~ without ther midicate. So pleased consider closing this clinics Because a lot of people depend on it So please consider not to close this clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cecil J Forbes

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From:
Ray Alberty

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I Know several People who go to the free clinic to get their medication and they need their medication. Most of them can not afford to pay for it. Closing these free clinics would be a hard ship on these people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Ray Alberty

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August 26, 2008

I work for St. Francis De Sales Church doing their outside maintenance and care taker of their cemetery. I make 425.00 a month and cannot afford insurance. I have Hepatitis C and high blood pressure. Was treated for Hep C, which is currently non detectable, and my blood pressure is under control. Without Beckley Health Right I would not have been able to afford treatment for either condition. They have given me the right medications for my conditions without fail or a pharmacist. I have no complaints on their procedures or policies.

Sincerely,

David S. Lilly

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Date: 8.21.2008

From: Telly S. McCall
PO Box 11
Allen Jct WVa. 25880

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Because of the rural area that I live in, I am on a very limited income. I have to keep low rates. I am unable to carry health insurance because of my income & my monthly bills. If I was unable to use the free clinic to obtain my medications from the clinic, I would be without medication for my high blood pressure. That would be Bad.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Telly S. McCall

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Date: 8/19/08

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From: Helma Cave
307 Westmoreland St.
Beckley WV 25801

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The cost of medicine is so expensive today that it's no way I or most poor peoples can afford to pay for it. The cost of all my medicines combined is half of my paycheck not counting over the counter cough syrups & etc that you need also. With the type of Blood pressure I have I do hope & pray the clinics will continue to provide free medicines.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Helma Cave

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Date: 8/27/08

From: Rhonda Collins
408 Burmeister Ave.
Raleigh WV 25911

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am a single woman with no insurance. The only way I can receive medical attention and proper medication is from Health Rite. I work, pay taxes, vote, and have no health insurance. If Health Rite can not provide me with medications - where will I get them when I'm in need? I will have anywhere to get them, as there is no where else.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Collins

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From: Kenneth D. Graham

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

the cost of medicine is so High today it is HARD to pay for when you need it most and Beckley Health Right cares for there patients and they Give the Best ~~Care~~ medical care and the cost for prescriptions for people who are limited monthly Income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D Graham

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Date: 8-27-08

From: Elaine Canaday
Box 192
Mac Arthur WV 25873

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I'm unable to pay for the medicine that I take because they are so expensive. I have no insurance to help me. This clinic has helped me so much through the years. The people that work here really care for you. I'm 50 years old and I depend on the doctor and this clinic to help me. Please don't close the Pharmacy down. Because I and hundreds of other people need this clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Elaine Canaday

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Date: August 27, 2008

From: Stephen Sauve
Pinehaven Homeless
Shelter

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I was injured and while in the hospital I was fired from my job. Without the clinic I not be able to afford my medications. Because of my Injurys I now unemployed and living at a homeless shelter in Beckley W.V.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Stephen Sauve

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From: Sandra Pack
1016 Pack Mtn
Beckley WV 25801

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 54 year old woman with no insurance. My Husband and I live on a fixed income. Being on several medications monthy, there's no way I can pay the regular price for prescription medications. Beckley Health Right has been here for me and lots of other people of need in the Beckley area. I need this clinic!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra Pack

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From: George Theodore Starr III
216 E Prince St
Beckley WV 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Well the main reason is I can not get Medical Insurance Due To my Medical problems see I Have Hep C And no one will insure me, My meds cost around $1200 A month And I only make $17.50 per Hour you Do The math I can hardly pay my Bills To keep a roof over my Head what is wrong with this Government Don't fix Things that Aren't Broken!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

George T Starr

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From: RONNIE KEENEY
232 TANK BRANCH Rd
GLEN MORGAN W.V. 25813

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I HAVE had A STROKE AND I afraid I'm going to die. if I don't have my Medication. I have NO income I've filed for my Social Security over two years AGO. I NEED my medication OR I'm going to have ANOTHER STROKE PLEASE help ME. (TO whom it may concern)
P.S. Some time I have to go hungry because of my Medication problem

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Keeney

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Date: 8/28/08

From: Helen J Perry

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

My husband and I Live off of 1113.00 a month I have no Ins, My Meds with out this Clinic would cost over $400. a month, how would I pay for them and Live the rest of the month as high as everything is I ask ouething could you? Please Help us!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Helen J Perry

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Date: 8-20-08

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From:
Barbara Doughtie

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband and I live on a small fixed income, I do not have the funds to pay for my Meds, which if I had to pay full price would cost me $1128.95 a month. My free clinic has been my life saver. The people who work there are great. I hope all of us who need this Clinic for our Meds will still be able to get them here.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Barbara Doughtie

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David E. Potters
Executive Director and General Counsel
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Re: Proposed Rule 15 CSR 13, Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing this letter for the West Virginia Board of Medicine to comment on the above proposed rule. The enabling legislation, S.B. 722, in the last section, West Virginia Code §30-5-21, clearly indicates twice in sections (b) and (c) that nothing is to interfere with an M.D. or dentist compounding his or her own prescriptions or preventing him/her from supplying patients medicines as he/she deems proper in the free clinic setting.

Given this fact, it is the opinion of the West Virginia Board of Medicine that the Board of Pharmacy has exceeded its authority and contradicted the statute in the wording at 4.2.1., 4.2.2. and 4.2.3. of your proposed rule which prohibits any legally qualified practitioner from filling, checking or dispensing prescriptions written by him/her unless either a pharmacist or pharmacist technician is present.

The Board of Medicine is aware that S.B. 722 was controversial and hard fought by the stakeholders, but it is clear that the final law enacted was designed not to prohibit physician or dentist dispensing in the free clinic setting. Also, it seems unduly harsh and unnecessary to require a physician not to be able to dispense a medicine until a pharmacy technician is present. The wording in 4.2.2. erroneously implies that a physician may not be depended upon to document in the record that he or she is dispensing a medicine, that only a pharmacy technician is capable of this. Respectfully, the Board of Medicine disagrees.

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The Board of Medicine requests that the Board of Pharmacy undertake a change in the proposed rule by appropriately exempting physicians (and dentists) from the sections 4.2.1., 4.2.2. and 4.2.3.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Knittle

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Berkeley County Health Department
800 Emmett Rousch Drive
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401

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August 20, 2008

David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters,

I am writing on behalf of the Berkeley County Board of Health regarding Proposed Rule 15-13 Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies. Our Health Department is a strong supporter of the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic in Charles Town. The Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic, like other free clinics across the state, provides valuable care to the many individuals who would have no or little access to healthcare otherwise. We understand the need for regulation to ensure safety and to ensure that an eligible dispenser provides medications. We also wish to express our concern that any regulation should be implemented in a manner that will not hamper the ability of Free Clinics to provide life-saving services and medications. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diana Gaviria, MD, MPH
Health Officer

cc. Berkeley County Board of Health

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing in regards to the effects that Senate Bill 722 would have on the state of West Virginia if the free clinics were closed or unable to give medications. This summer I volunteered one day a week and was able to see firsthand the work that is done at the clinic. Even though I have lived in Mercer County my entire life, I didn't fully understand the impact that the clinic had on the county, its residents, and the community as a whole. On the days that I volunteered I saw many patients come in to get medication that was necessary for their everyday lives. The number of people who are without insurance in Mercer County surprised me and made me have a newfound respect for what is done at the clinic.

For the patients that go to the clinic for their monthly check-ups and to get their monthly supply of medication, Mercer County Health Inc. is an extremely vital resource for them. Many of the patients that come through the doors are there because they have no other means to get their medications. If the clinic were to be closed it would cause many to choose between money for keeping a roof over their heads, clothing and feeding their families, having electricity and running water in their homes, and their medications. Unfortunately, when many would make the choice of where their funds went, I believe the vast majority would choose to keep their homes, feed and clothe their families, and pay the utility bills that were necessary. From this choice they would let their health decline and then have to be admitted to the hospital with bills they would be unable to pay. If this trend would happen, not only in Mercer County, but throughout the state of West Virginia, the impact on our economy would be astronomical.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed rules and regulations proposed in Senate Bill 722. I also ask you to think of the patients and their families and the impact it would have on them. Additionally, I ask you to put yourself in the place of those who need the assistance from the free clinics throughout West Virginia and ask yourself what you would do if you had to make the choices that would be presented to them if the clinics were closed.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeremy T. Branham

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Sir,

This letter is being written to voice my concerns about the pending Proposed Rules pertaining to Free Clinics, and the mandated changes that will cause major financial issues to the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic here in Charlestown, WV. Because of the unfunded mandates of this bill our clinic is obligated to have a pharmacist in the clinic. This unfunded law calling for a pharmacist in the clinic will put a financial burden onto an already thinly stretched operating budget. From all research I could find, a full time Pharmacist would or could cost between $80,000 to $120,000 dollars per annum. Even hiring a part time pharmacist would break our budget. If that happens we may have no recourse but to think about closing the clinic. This is not in our mind, but with the financial environment of our country spiraling down who knows what may happen. Sometimes small incidental occurances cause major upheavels.

I understand that some consideration has been given the Charitible Clinics, but the help is not enough. I feel that the requirements of the Board of Pharmacy are unreasonable for the Free or Charitable Clinics. Oversight by the Board of Pharmacy is welcomed, if your organization can polish the procedures which we have in place then input and oversight is welcome. Additionally, in the seven (7) years of operation of the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic, there has not been a reported incident where the wrong medications were given to a patient or unsafe procedures were noted. "If it isn't broke don't fix it", comes to mind.

Written within Title 15 are sections which cause me to pause and ask what does this mean, and how will it effect our clinic. Section 15-13-3 Charitable Clinic pharmacy Permit required, states all federal and state rules and laws pertaining to pharmacies must be followed. This ties the Free Clinics into following Federal and State laws and does not give the Clinics much work around room to address the concern of how do we continue funding the patient care in our clinics. In the past 3 years that I have volunteered at the EPFC we have assisted in providing close to $5.5 million dollars worth of life saving medications through the Drug Manufactures indigent medication programs. This is in jeopardy of going away if a pharmacist is required in the clinic for oversight. I fully recognize the need for safety with dispensing of medications. I question why there is a need to change what is working if there has been "no" reportable incidents to bring "safety" into focus?

We have fully licensed MD's and FNP's which assess, diagnose and prescribe medications in our clinic. They are mandated to follow the rules of the Board of Medicine during their patient process. Additionally is has been noted that some feedback from individuals involved in the writing of the Proposed Rules have stated "Why don't you have your licensed MD' or FNP's hand the medications to the patient"? Adding this step to the complete patient process would take away anywhere from 5 to 10 minutes per patient. Average patients seen per day in our clinic is 35 to 40, with two (2) providers. Adding this to the process, as you see, would drastically reduce the amount of patients which could be seen by our providers. This is not what we want to do, what we want is to streamline the process so the patients can be seen and treated in a safe prompt professional manner. Using the lower minutes (5) this would be 200 minutes per day lost, which could be used to see other patients. The amount of time the patients are

seen by a provider fluctuates, but we try to keep it at a 15 to 20 minutes per patient. This, can change depending on illness presented to the Provider. Having to add the time to go get the medications, handing the medications to the patient takes time. Something which it often seems we do not have enough of. We do not compound medications, we receive from the Drug Manufactures, for individual patients, verify the medications and dispense according to written procedures of the clinic. Procedures which have been tested, and written with Safety of patient and Clinic in mind.

Summary: Point: The Proposed Rules pertaining to Free Clinics would cause financial hardship on not only the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic, but every other Free Clinic in the state. Numbers of patients affected is into the tens of thousands.

Point: The Proposed Rules pertaining to Free Clinics is an Unfunded law which mandates the Free Clinics of the State of West Virginia to have PIC's in charge of each Clinics pharmacy. Where is the funding to hire Pharmacist, volunteers are an assumption that we can or cannot get to handle the job.

Point: Title 15 section 2.1.39 states Pharmacy technician means registered supportive personel who work under the direct supervision of a pharmacist. 2.1.11 Direct supervision means that a licensed pharmacist is physically present in the pharmacy. Will Title 15 also affect the Free Clinics? Please explain.

Point: 14.7 Security states a device for detection of breaking and entering shall be installed in each prescription department in each pharmacy. At present we do not comply with this mandate, we have a Alarm/intrusion system for the whole clinic, not just the Pharmacy. Who Funds us getting this alarm system into our Pharmacy area? Additional: Deactivation of the alarm system for the prescription department will be restricted to the pharmacist. What about our MD's, FNP's, Pharmacy Technicians ? Please explain.

Interpretation of these rules may change depending on who you ask, and their individual perception of the information. These rules are very vague, and may not be focused on Free Clinic operations.

A fellow EPFC Board member (Mr. Jerry Dost) has formulated Proposed Amendments, for inclusion into the Proposed Rules which target the Free Clinics, the Proposed Amendments have been thoughtfully viewed, and focused towards the requirements of the Free Clinics throughout the state. You should be receiving his letter with the proposed Amendments in a few days. Please recognize, we invite the Board of Pharmacy to help within the clinics with procedures which can be complied with, without adding additional financial burden.

Thank You,

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WV Board of Pharmacy
Attn: David Potters
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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to express my concern over the new BOP rules pertaining to charitable clinic pharmacies.

I fear that the rules may be using a bulldozer to swat a fly. I have no doubt that they are well intended but fear that the cost-benefit ratio is not appropriate to the situation unless the State budget has a line item to pay for the employment of a licensed pharmacist for each of the clinics.

I am interested to know if there is evidence of a patient or patients who have been administered drugs that were the wrong drug or the wrong dosage and have resulted in harm; and if so how many times this has happened. There is a theoretical problem but has it happened in circumstances that are not explained by the problems of side effects of drugs appropriately dispensed? This is the cost side of the equation.

The benefit side of the equation is the availability of drugs in the present system. The new rules do not take into account the irregular availability of practitioners. This is not as much of a problem for the prescription when it is first ordered. It can be a major difficulty for refills. The rules are specific about the practitioner being the prescribing practitioner rather than the practitioner available in the clinic at the time of the patient's visit for refills. A change here would improve the lives of the patients; many of whom have to travel long distances and/or at times when transport is available such as using the public bus system. Clearly the Rules need to be patient – centered rather than regulated to suit the professionals who serve them.

Respectfully,

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Dear Mr. Potters:

As both a consumer of medication and a registered nurse for 36 years I have a great desire for medications to be doled out safely. I appreciate that your Board oversees that and takes its responsibility seriously. Though I am sure any form of medication dispensing is best in the hands of a pharmacist, I believe strongly that the dispensing of medications by a physician or nurse in a free clinic setting can be handled with the utmost safety as well.

I understand that your office is currently structuring rules about free medications being given to patients in the few free clinics in this state. Many years ago when I worked at a free clinic in Indiana, the physician, I, and other nurses dispensed our small supply of medicines safely in that same situation. Other than the stock including larger quantities of pills on hand and bottles of liquid antibiotics for the children, this worked no differently than what doctors and nurses do all the time in their office situations with samples. Patients receive instructions about how and when to take the medication, what to do if a dose is missed, as well as possible side effects, and when to contact the physician in case of a side effect or allergic reaction. A double check is performed between nurse and physician to ensure the correct medication and dosage is being dispensed with the correct directions attached. They are also told to contact a pharmacist if they have further questions about the drug.

Requiring a pharmacist to be at the free clinics in order to dispense medication would only add to the current burden of medication costs, gas, and time availability for the working poor. I would hope that you would encourage pharmacists around the state to volunteer at these clinics. But please do not penalize the patients when enough pharmacists have not volunteered.

Sincerely,

Linda Roland

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Re: Administrative Rules 15-13 - Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies

Having studied these rules many times over the past 25 days I have the following comments.

1. *I find them to be ambiguous and contradictory thus making it impossible to comply with them as written. Additionally they do not exempt free clinics from many areas of the retail pharmacy regulations which have no application to charitable pharmacies.*
2. *These rules do not follow the guidelines set forth by members of the legislature when they passed Senate bill 722.*
3. *The legislators directed the Board of Pharmacy to cooperate with the free clinics in writing these rules and my experience was exactly the opposite. There was minimal cooperation before the rules were filed.*
4. *Across our country, many politicians and organizations are discussing ways to HELP the uninsured, reduce hospital cost shifts, and provide quality accessible health care to our growing number of uninsured working poor. These rules are in fact the EXACT OPPOSITE!*
5. *Free clinics already use a set of standards for ensuring that medications are in not out of date, prohibiting controlled substances, requiring that every medication given is documented in the patient's chart, the HealthEWV echart system provides the information for contraindications, and the nurse practitioners and physicians are answerable to their licensing boards if they make an error. Free clinics do not need another set of BOP rules for these tasks.*
6. *Free clinics do not have the funds to hire a licensed pharmacist and are not receiving any volunteers who are willing to work the hours required in the new rules. In fact pharmacists are saying that the new rules are imposing responsibilities that would deter them from volunteering.*
7. *On a humanitarian basis, free clinic patients are going to have worsening health outcomes and even death if they are unable to receive their medications.*
8. *On an economic basis these patients are going to end up with a multitude of hospital emergency department and inpatient visits for which the hospitals will never be reimbursed resulting in a massive cost shift to insured patients.*
9. *In 18 years Mercer Health Right has never received any notice of complaints filed at the Board of Pharmacy regarding our distribution of medications. That record speaks for itself. This is a complicated solution to a problem that doesn't exist.*
10. *There is still the opportunity to set up rules that would allow the board of pharmacy to cooperate with free clinics in standardizing the rules free clinics already use, providing the*

means for volunteer pharmacists to work on a monthly basis and report any violations of those rules, and allow for the BOP to report any complaints to the individual clinic for a response and corrective action. These are the type of rules that would benefit the patients, the clinics, and provide a new safety aspect to the clinic operations.

Thank you very much,

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COMMENTS RELATING TO PROPOSED RULES
"Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies."
WV Code Section 30-5-1 (SB 722)

Dear Mr. Potters:

The attached comments relating to the proposed rules for the "Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies" [WV Code Section 30-5-1 (SB 722)] are submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic.

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COMMENTS RELATING TO PROPOSED RULES
"Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies."
WV Code Section 30-5-1 (SB 722)

Brief Summary of Comments

1. The proposed rules fail to achieve the legislative mandate of establishing a new special class of "charitable clinic pharmacies" because they merely attempt to fit charitable clinic pharmacies into the existing framework of rules for a commercial pharmacy by: (a) requiring less working hour requirements at the charitable clinic pharmacy for a pharmacist-in-charge (PIC); (b) permitting a pharmacist to be a volunteer PIC at a charitable clinic pharmacy while working at a commercial pharmacy; and (c) permitting a prescribing practitioner to dispense prescriptions in a charitable clinic pharmacy provided a pharmacist technician is present. The proposed rules fail to clearly define the required degree of involvement of the PIC in the operation of a charitable clinic pharmacy.

2. The proposed rules are vague and indefinite because they fail to particularly state or define whether: (a) a charitable clinic pharmacy must have the presence of a PIC for the required hours per month in order to operate; or, (b) that the presence of a PIC or pharmacist for the required hours per month is only one option, or alternatively, the charitable clinic pharmacy has the option of operating under "established guidelines" approved by the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) without the presence of a PIC or pharmacist for the required hours per month. **The proposed rules can be interpreted either way**. The preamble (section 1.5) [second paragraph]: 6th sentence states: "These requirements can only be accomplished by the presence (emphasis added) of a properly licensed and trained pharmacist to oversee the delivery of the pharmaceutical care provided." What does "presence" mean? Does it mean present in the every day operation of the pharmacy, or does it mean being present in the generation of established guidelines of operation of the pharmacy? The rules need to **specifically** state whether (a) or (b) above controls.

3. While proposed rule 4.2.2 permits the prescribing practitioner to fill, check, or dispense prescriptions written by him or her provided a pharmacist technician is present, the rule also provides that the practitioner "may access the charitable clinic pharmacy … when no pharmacist is present." Thus the rule is predicated on the presence of a pharmacy and the "absence" of a pharmacist. What does the "absence" of a pharmacist mean in this rule? The rule could be interpreted (a) to mean that the charitable clinic pharmacy must have a PIC and that a practitioner may dispense prescriptions when the pharmacist is away and not present at the pharmacy; or (b) it could be interpreted to mean that this rule permits the charitable clinic pharmacy to operate under "established guidelines" without a PIC or pharmacist and the practitioners may dispense the prescriptions as long as a pharmacist technician is present. Which interpretation is correct? The rules should specifically answer this question so the answer is of record and not a future issue of debate.

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4. In an attempt to satisfy the limited resources of a charitable clinic the rules drastically reduce the number of hours a PIC must be present to 8 hours per month. This raises the logical question: if the charitable clinic pharmacy can properly operate the remaining approximately 152 hours of the month without the presence of a PIC why could the charitable clinic pharmacy not properly operate within established guidelines approved by the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) the entire month without the presence of a PIC with periodic inspections by the BOP?

5. If the proposed rules are limited to the requirement of the presence of a PIC for the required hours per month then they are fatally flawed because they require the presence of a PIC at a charitable clinic pharmacy for a minimum time in spite of the recognized financial inability of charitable clinics to hire a PIC. The assumption that a volunteer PIC would be available by providing continuing education credits for volunteering is not valid. Accordingly, the rules fail to provide for the situation where the charitable clinic does not have the resources to hire a full-time PIC and no pharmacist is willing to be a part-time PIC and no pharmacist is willing to be a volunteer PIC. The rules would provide no relief in this situation, and the clinic would be forced to close the pharmacy. This is directly opposite of the intent of the legislation.

6. In view of all of the above, the rules should provide for a charitable clinic pharmacy to operate under the control and oversight of a PIC or alternatively, under established guidelines approved by the Board of Pharmacy which do not require a PIC or the presence of a pharmacist but must include the presence of a pharmacist technician.

7. Accordingly, the following amendments to the proposed rules are presented for consideration.

Comment 1: §15-13-1.5 PREAMBLE

[second paragraph]: 6th sentence delete [only] and add the following language at the end of the sentence: -- or under established guidelines approved by the Board of Pharmacy -- .

The amended paragraph would read as follows:

§15-13-1.5 [second paragraph]: Under the auspices of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy ... and drug therapies to their clinics. The Board of Pharmacy requirements for the practice of pharmacy, including, but not limited to, sanitary practices, proper storage and handling of drugs, counseling, and providing correct treatment as prescribed are essential to ensure proper therapeutic outcomes which involve pharmaceutical care. These requirements can ~~only~~ be accomplished by the presence of a properly licensed and trained pharmacist to oversee the delivery of the pharmaceutical care provided or alternatively under established guidelines approved by the Board of Pharmacy which do not require a PIC or the presence of a pharmacist but must include the presence of a pharmacist technician. After receiving ... March 8, 2008.

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Comment 2: §15-13-2.1.1

Add the following sentence to the rule to provide for operation of the charitable clinic pharmacy under "established guidelines" approved by the Board of Pharmacy without the presence of a pharmacist but requires the presence of a pharmacist technician. Because the resources and structure of each charitable clinic is unique, the "established guidelines" must be individually drafted for each charitable clinic. Further, in accordance with the safeguard placed in the legislation, the charitable clinic pharmacy should continue to be exempt from licensure by the board until the established guidelines are in effect for that charitable clinic pharmacy.

The amended rule would read as follows:

§15-13-2.1.1 "Charitable clinic pharmacy" means a clinic or facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation that offers pharmaceutical care and dispenses prescriptions free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified indigent patients. A charitable clinic pharmacy shall meet the minimum standards for a pharmacy as set forth in this article and by legislative rule promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy, but may not be charged any applicable licensing fees. A charitable clinic pharmacy may have pharmacists-in-charge, as that term is defined in this section, who volunteers his or her services. A charitable clinic may also receive donated drugs. Provided, however, that a charitable clinic pharmacy may alternatively be operated under established guidelines approved by the Board of Pharmacy specifically drafted by the Board of Pharmacy and each individual charitable clinic for that charitable clinic pharmacy which guidelines do not require a PIC or the presence of a pharmacist but must include the presence of a pharmacist technician. Provided, further, that the charitable clinic pharmacy shall be exempt from licensure by the board until the established guidelines are in effect for that charitable clinic pharmacy.

Comment 3: §15-13-4.2.1

Add the following language to provide for dispensing of medicines in the charitable clinic pharmacy under established guidelines approved by the Board of Pharmacy.

The amended rule would read as follows:

§15-13-4.2.1 All prescriptions filled by the charitable clinic pharmacy must be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner prior to being dispensed. Provided, however, that prescriptions may also be dispensed under established guidelines approved by the Board of Pharmacy.

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Comment 4: §15-13-4.2.3

The proposed rule reads as follows:

§15-13-4.2.3 Any other rule notwithstanding, if there is no pharmacist present for up to two hours during the charitable clinic pharmacy's regular hours of operation, pharmacy technicians may continue to process and fill prescriptions during that period of time provided that no actual dispensing may occur until the prescriptions filled are checked in accordance with subsection 4.2.1 above.

The proposed rule serves no useful purpose. It only seems to attempt to control the times prescriptions may be processed and filled when a pharmacist is not present. However, the presence of a pharmacist is not necessary when the prescriptions are processed and filled because this rule does not provide for dispensing of the prescription. The needed safeguards to insure that a prescription has been properly processed and filled prior to its being dispensed is adequately provided for in subsection 4.2.1 which requires that all prescriptions filled at the charitable pharmacy must be checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing practitioner prior to being dispensed.

Accordingly, proposed rule §15-13-4.2.3 should be deleted.

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Dear Mr. Potter,

I am writing in regard to the proposed rules that have been submitted to the Secretary of State's office regarding Charitable Free Clinic Pharmacy.

I have worked in the health care field for 25 years and I have been on the Board of Directors for a free clinic for 8 years. During the 2008 legislative session I closely watched Senate Bill 722 and have carefully digested the subsequent proposed rules. I was hoping that a better consensus would be reached between the Board of Pharmacy and the Free Clinic Association.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Our clinic has successfully operated without the need for an onsite pharmacist. We have had no negative outcomes relating to our pharmacy program. We keep detailed documentation and records of all donated and dispensed pharmaceuticals.
2. We staff our clinic with volunteer physicians and a full time nurse practitioner who is available to the pharmacy during patient hours. These medical professionals know our clients medical history and their individual needs and have immediate access to this information, the medical chart and their primary care physician. Something local pharmacists do not have access to.
3. The rules call for licensed pharmacist in charge. There is no pool of licensed and/or retired pharmacists who are ready to volunteer these hours to a free clinic. If we try to recruit a pharmacist we are unable to pay even the going community wage and benefits. Our staff's benefits are sick and vacation time. We are unable to provide health insurance or any other benefits to our current employees due to budget restrictions. This is the reality of most of the free clinics in WV. These factors make recruiting a pharmacist unlikely.
4. Our clinics have existing quality assurance programs, policies and procedures related to the dispensing of medications and patient care and strict adherence to caring for only those patients deemed indigent.
5. In a good faith effort the Association of Free Clinics worked with the Board of Pharmacy to propose rules that would be a good compromise. These suggested rules and other suggestions were ignored and we were never given an opportunity to discuss them.

For many years the free clinics in WV have served to provide the only healthcare for our working poor. If the rules are promulgated in present form it will reduce the number of patients we currently serve, let alone the ones who are still in our communities needing help. When patients do not have access to necessary medications they often go without, end up with compromised heath issues, and most often seek assistance in local emergency rooms or are admitted to a local hospital for care. These are unpaid services to the hospital and those costs are passed on to other insured and squanders costly resources.

I am in support of removing the rule as currently written. I feel it is imperative that we build a consensus rule that allows for both pharmaceutical access and provides patient protections.

I am asking to remove the rule from this year's legislative addenda and go back to the drawing board. The goal should be how we can work together to protect our clients and not disrupt access to lifesaving medications and health care.

I submit this as public comment on the proposed rules for Charitable Free Clinic Pharmacies. Should you have any questions regarding this issue feel free to contact me at my office at 304-624-2879.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed legislation that will require a pharmacist's presence in charitable free clinic pharmacies, for distribution of prescription medications. These clinics currently work under adequate regulations to provide quality services to the "working poor" in WV. The proposed legislation will cause an extreme hardship on the free clinics, and perhaps put them out of business. None of the free clinics in WV can afford to hire a pharmacist, purchase weights and measures, install sinks in their pharmacies, etc. Most of these additions would not be a necessity, since these clinics do not do compounding, nor do they handle controlled substances.

I am a nurse in north central WV and am familiar w/ the wonderful work done by Health Access Clinic of Harrison County. In closing, I urge your board to reconsider the above proposed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy in regards to the recently filed rules that would provide for regulation of charitable free clinic pharmacies in response to the passage of Senate Bill #722 by the Legislature. I am Executive Director of Health Access, Incorporated, a small free clinic located in Clarksburg that serves adult low income uninsured patients from Harrison and Doddridge counties.

I have carefully reviewed the rules that you have submitted for public comment and I find them to be troubling in several areas in the way they would negatively impact our patients and the operation of our free clinic. It is possible that because the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy's regulatory experience has historically been in the retail and hospital based pharmacy environment; they may not clearly understand the mission and structure of free clinics in West Virginia. It is important to note that the Health Access Board of Directors, one member of which is a WV Licensed Pharmacist, govern all aspects of our clinic. Our Board has been responsible and accountable for the safe and efficient operation of this non-profit clinic since its inception in 1992.

The biggest concern, as I'm sure you will recall from our meeting in May, is the requirement to have each prescription medication checked by a Pharmacist or the Prescribing Practitioner prior to its dispensing. Of course I know your board understands that our clinic cannot begin to find funding to pay a Pharmacist to be present to check each of the nearly twenty thousand prescriptions that are given to our twelve hundred patients annually. To require that the particular volunteer physician that wrote the prescription actually check the medication prior to it being given to the patient who often returns each month for maintenance scripts, would be a scheduling nightmare. I think it nearly impossible to schedule in a way that would assure that the prescribing volunteer doctor be present at same time each month when the patient could be scheduled to report for medications to be picked up. Many of our patients depend on public transportation to get to the clinic and our volunteer practitioners serve at varying schedules based on their own availability.

These rules have been drafted to cover a new entity, "charitable clinic pharmacies" and my hope was that a completely new rule would be written. It appears that rather than writing a new rule, you have tried to fit free clinics into the existing rules that govern retail pharmacy operations. I think this hits at the core of the problem. Free clinics are not profit driven, as are retail pharmacies. Free clinic medication dispensing is not done without medical practitioner and the patient's complete medical chart present in the next room from where medications are dispensed. I believe this is the primary reason why there is not a long history of errors by free clinic medication dispensing operations. The staff never has to "guess" as to what the prescriber wants or means in their written prescriptions. Our pharmacy staff can walk to the next room and talk with the Physician or review the complete patient chart and get a clear clinical picture and review the care plan in place. This is a real safety net for free clinic patients that exceeds any rule or regulation the Board of Pharmacy may impose on our clinic.

I am not certain about how these rules for charitable clinic pharmacies will act to include or enforce the other standards that currently exist for retail pharmacies. The requirements for having a sink in the pharmacy, a separate security system, scales and weights for compounding medication will all add costs to our clinic operation without cause. Our clinic medication room does not dispense any controlled substances that would have a street value and require added security. We do not compound medications here so we don't need the sink or weights etc. I can't see anywhere in the proposed rules where we are exempted from these retail pharmacy requirements that are particularly onerous and costly for free clinics.

I will close this letter with a simple comparison. There are those that believe that in order to administer injections (give shots) to a patient, a licensed medical professional at the level of a nurse or LPN should be performing that injection. In the last session of the legislature, there was a bill passed to allow pharmacists to give shots on certain limited basis. Why should pharmacists be giving shots to people and who is protecting those people from potential harm from someone other than a nursing professional giving their shot? Don't those patients deserve the same level of protection that people that get their shots from a registered nurse receive? I know it is not exactly the same situation, but I hope you can see the comparison to our current circumstance. Our patients are protected and patient safety is of utmost concern to our clinic board of directors and all our practitioners. I submit that no one from the Board of Pharmacy has explored what is currently in place in our free clinics in West Virginia in the way of policies, procedures and QA guidelines that exist to protect our patients. We are also closely monitored by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Primary Care who perform site audits of our clinics. We are held accountable to a rigorous set of standards for our clinic operations by that agency of state government.

At the end of this public comment period, it is my hope that we will be able to sit down with you and the Board of Pharmacy, in a true spirit of collaboration to work out a plan for oversight and regulation of charitable free clinic pharmacy operations that will satisfy a need to protect patients while not crippling our ability to provide the life sustaining medication that are received by patients every day in free clinics. I know this is a difficult process, but I know we can reach a satisfactory solution if we work together. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

James A. Harris
Executive Director

Date: 08/25/2008

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From: Zachary Alan Lester
211 North Wickham Ave.
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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing in opposition of the proposed rule changes that the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy has brought before the West Virginia Senate in Senate Bill 722. Free clinics such as Mercer Health Right have become a backbone in rural health care. These free clinics are instrumental in providing care to those who have no other means to seek health care. Thousands of patients each year go to these free clinics and receive health care that not only makes them healthier but allows them to live a less-burdened life.

I am 23 years old and for most of my life I have been fortunate enough to have health insurance. However there were periods of time such as when my mother went through a divorce with my father that our family budget became significantly reduced. During this time in particular my siblings and I were still carried under my fathers insurance but my mother having no form of higher education worked two part time jobs and they both provided no insurance. During this time my mother went to Mercer Health Right and received free medical care and free prescriptions without which she would have been out sick from work and not able to provide for her three children. My personal story pales in comparison to some of the other ordeals families in this area and across the state have had to endure.

Recently I read an article in our local paper, the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, which discussed the proposed rule changes in Senate Bill 722. I understand the importance for patient safety, but it seems to me that all this bill does is increase effort and stress put upon the patients that visit free clinics. In this article, Mr. Potters, executive director and general counsel for the Board of Pharmacy spoke with the Bluefield Daily Telegraph. In this article he was quoted as saying, "What the bill does is requires that if they're going to have a pharmacy just to make sure the patients' safety is protected," Potters said. "It requires that the prescriptions be checked by a pharmacist or a doctor before they are dispensed. The patients will still be able to receive their free samples, will still be able to receive prescriptions from a free clinic pharmacy and other such things". I find a disturbing point within the statement Mr. Potter gave. The point that he made is that if a free clinic is going to have a pharmacy that they have a pharmacist or doctor to check the prescription. How does the board of pharmacy expect free clinics to provide a doctor or pharmacist if they are already struggling to provide what services they are providing now? The personnel at these free clinics such as nurse practioners are not incompetent, they to had to endure several years of higher education just as doctors and pharmacist did to dispense medications and provide the best care possible.

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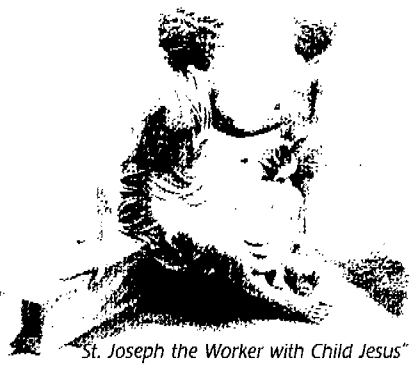

St. Joseph the Worker with Child Jesus"
Sculpture by William D. Hopen

August 21, 2008

David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to the draft of rules that are now being required of charitable clinics. My relationship is with Good Samaritan Clinic in Parkersburg. We have diligently tried to provide the best care possible to the patients that we serve – the same standard of care that they would receive in any other setting. We have always had volunteer pharmacists preparing prescriptions for our patients. The rules you are now placing on the clinic will provide a hardship for the clinic to carry out its mission and will be burdensome to our patients. I went to a retail pharmacy last night and I did not have a pharmacist hand me my prescription, nor did I expect that one would do so.

We have no money to pay a pharmacist and I would not know of any pharmacist that would want to take on the job as a volunteer to oversee other volunteers. It presents a liability issue for the person in charge. It is also unreasonable that mid-level providers and physicians are not allowed to dispense medications. At our hospital nurses dispense medications as ordered all the time. Again the rules for the clinic are more stringent than in other healthcare settings. There is a pharmacy shortage in WV and in our area. We cannot compete with hospitals and retail pharmacies. Our clinic was begun by local physicians and we have been blest by their continued support. We don't want to be in competition.

I understand this issue all began to address a particular clinic and its director. I feel that issues related to that clinic should be handled on an individual basis. It is a case of punishing the whole class for one individual's dishonesty. I strongly suspect that these rules as presented will not be followed in that clinic any more than other rules have been followed. At our clinic we take it as a moral obligation to be in compliance and so we are the ones being punished by the legislative action and the proposed rules.

I encourage you to work with the good clinics in the state and make the rules ones that serve their patient population that so desperately needs healthcare. I am not impressed by the Legislature or the high-handed way this has come down from the State. Mistakes have been made; but it is time for State agencies to stop putting up roadblocks and serve the people of WV. I am a voter and there are some incumbents that I won't be voting for in State Government this year. It won't change the election outcome, but will signal lack of support.

Sincerely,

Sister Joan Kreyenbuhl

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August 22, 2008

David Potters
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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to you as both a board member of Milan Puskar Health Right and as a concerned citizen with expertise in community health. I understand that legislation was passed last year that created a 'charitable clinic pharmacy'. The legislation also instructed the Board of Pharmacy to work with the Free Clinics in constructing the rules around charitable pharmacy.

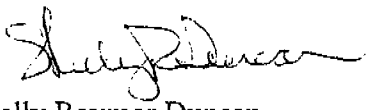
The rules that the Board of Pharmacy designed for charitable clinic pharmacies are onerous and extend beyond ensuring patient safety. Specifically, the requirement for a Pharmacist in Charge to be on-site in order for medications to be dispensed in simply impractical for a Free Clinic. Free Clinics use a volunteer medical staff model, it is not likely that a pharmacist, or pharmacists would volunteer in sufficient volume to allow the Free Clinics to operate efficiently. It is not at all practical to suggest that Free Clinics employ a pharmacist(s), it is simply cost prohibitive.

Patient care and management includes medication prescription and management. The Free Clinics see many, many patients with chronic physical and behavioral health diagnoses requiring medication. Access to medication is critically important. Access means affordability and availability. For a vulnerable population the best definition of availability is point-of-service availability. It is not reasonable to expect Free Clinic patients to cross town to fill a prescription, return to the clinic at another time, or wait for a prescription to be mailed.

The rules as they currently read will put an end to patient receipt of medication at Free Clinics. As a result, people will end up being seen in a hospital setting, which is not a cost effective way to manage care, and still be without medication since hospitals are not in the business of providing on-going medication or supplies. The result is escalation of disease acuity and the potential for early death.

I highly doubt that you really intend to shoulder the responsibility for increased mortality and morbidity in vulnerable populations. Please pull the rules as written and sit down with the Free Clinics to design rules that ensure patient safety and access to care.

Sincerely,



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cc: Laura Jones
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Via Facsimile 304.267.9175
and Regular United States Mail
Mr. George Karos, President
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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Dear Karos:

In my capacity as President of the Kanawha County Commission, I write in support of West Virginia Health Right's position with regard to your proposed rule making regarding Charitable Clinic Pharmacies. After reviewing your proposed rules requiring either a pharmacist or technician to dispense medications at Charitable Clinic Pharmacies, it is my belief the proposed new rules will pose a serious operational and financial threat for all non-profit clinic pharmacies in Kanawha County as well as throughout the State of West Virginia.

The working poor of Kanawha County *(and the State of West Virginia)* will not obtain necessary medications if a non-profit clinic pharmacy such as West Virginia Health Right is hamstrung by your proposed rules.

While I appreciate the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy's position that free clinic patients should be afforded the same safety protections as any other citizen, the repercussions of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy's proposed rules would actually be harmful, if not life threatening, to patients who will not receive their medications. The proposed rules create an unnecessary additional expensive barrier to health care access.

The Kanawha County Commission recognizes the comment period ends on August 28, 2008, but anticipates executing a Resolution in Support of West Virginia Health Right's position at the September 11, 2008, Commission Meeting. In the interim, should you have any questions relative to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

W. Kent Carper
President

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cc: The Honorable Joe Manchin, III, Governor
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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Dear Mr. Potters,

I have read the draft WVBOP Charitable Clinic Regs proposed by the WV Board of Pharmacy and believe they will adversely affect patients who come to Good Samaritan Clinic in Parkersburg. As I understand the proposed regulations, a pharmacist must be present to hand medications to the patients. Volunteer pharmacists currently fill the prescriptions but the new regulations would require Good Samaritan Clinic to have a pharmacist on site all the hours the clinic is in operation to allow patients to pick up their medications. Why is this necessary when mail order prescriptions are not handed to patients by a pharmacist?

The proposed regulations do not permit physicians or mid-level providers to dispense medications unless a pharmacy tech is present. Given the current pharmacy shortage in WV Charitable clinics, including Good Samaritan Clinic will be unable to compete with benefits and sign-on bonuses offered pharmacists by retail stores and hospitals for the services of a pharmacist. As I am sure you are aware, clinic budgets are minimal and these new proposed regulations will place undue hardship on patients and the clinics.

Please reconsider these regulations. Good Samaritan Clinic strives to serve the uninsured, who are economically disadvantaged and in need of medical care. Let's not place undue hardship on these patients who are already struggling to maintain health and well being.

Sincerely,

Molly Bauer

Molly Bauer, CSJ

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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Gentlemen:

As a former member of the Board of Directors of Mercer Health Right, Inc. and as a present member of the committee to develop plans for the rebuilding and/or major renovation for the Mercer County Health Center (which presently houses Mercer Health Right, Inc.), I am fully aware of and familiar with the extremely valuable services that Mercer Health Right provides for the indigent, uninsured patients of Mercer County. Having spent fifty (50) years living, working and assisting in community endeavors in Mercer County, I am knowledgeable of the problems faced by indigent, uninsured patients in this county and recognize the unmatched value of the services provided by Mercer Health Right.

I also recognize that if the proposed rules you wish to establish for the purpose of implementing Senate Bill 722 are put into effect, those rules will in fact help create an economic disaster in Mercer County, as well as in any other county that has an equivalent Health Right program. Additionally, the ultimate result of the implementation of these proposed rules will put an undue financial burden on our two existing not-for-profit hospitals, to-wit: Bluefield Regional Medical Center and Princeton Community Hospital, as these two institutions will, in the end, be the back-up for the financial disaster that your proposed rules will create.

I therefore suggest that you immediately trash the proposed rules and then avail yourself of services by individuals such as Senator Truman Chafin to help you rewrite the rules in such a manner that they do not create an intolerable disaster for the thousands of patients who have received free primary care and maintenance medication from organizations such as Mercer Health Right. I should point out that organizations such as Mercer Health Right have very limited budgets, and the implementation of your proposed new rules will make it basically impossible for such organizations to continue to exist. There is simply no way that the budgets of these organizations can provide for the funding for a paid pharmacist, and given the shortage of pharmacists in southern West Virginia, I doubt that organizations such as Mercer Health Right

can find volunteer pharmacists. Again, I believe that it would be far more practical for your proposed rules to be discarded and new rules presented.

You have my permission to publish this letter.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Mercer Health Right
Senator Truman Chafin
Senator Don Caruth
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George Karos, President

WV Board of Pharmacy

232 Capitol Street

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Dear President Karos,

I am writing today to register my opposition with the WV Board of Pharmacy in regard to the Charitable Free Clinic Pharmacy Rules that have been submitted to the WV Secretary of States Office for a public comment period. These rules are a result of the passage of Senate Bill 722 by the WV Legislature during the 2008 Term.

The rules that your board has presented will have a detrimental effect on Health Access, Incorporated, the free clinic in Clarksburg, WV. The most troublesome of the regulations your board developed is the requirement that the free clinic have a pharmacist on site when medications are given to patients. First and foremost, you need to know that the medical practitioner who has prescribed the medications is likely in physically located within the clinic with the pharmacy operation. It is not like in the retail pharmacy world, where the pharmacist often must interpret what the physician wants in the way of medication therapies for a patient. In free clinics, the physician is in the next room and has already talked with the patient and the medication room staff and given instruction about the medication he or she has ordered.

In addition, requiring a pharmacist to be present would likely mean a free clinic will have to incur the cost of hiring a pharmacist, as pharmacists in this area of the state are not willingly volunteering to work in our free clinic. Finally, even if a free clinic could afford to hire a pharmacist, there is an

extreme shortage and great competition to secure pharmacists in our area of the state. Free Clinics would be the last to be successful in hiring a pharmacist in this competitive hiring environment.

I am asking that you reconsider and withdraw the rules you have submitted for public comment. If passed, these rules will likely close our free clinic in Clarksburg because it will be unable to provide the free life saving medicines to the low income uninsured patients served here. I look forward to hearing from you soon as to the outcome of the rule making process. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Banko

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to Senate Bill 722. I understand that you all had to set up rules for the free clinics. Within them, you included having the clinics hire a pharmacist. This just seems highly illogical. The clinic does not even dispense any controlled substances. The only medications that are given out are things such as insulin and heart medication. So I don't feel that there is a need for a pharmacist to be there. If they are required to do this, it will eliminate half of there budget. Then they will not be able to afford the medications that people depend on.

I am a resource counselor and help link people up to services within there community. I have referred many clients to the local health rights to receive medication. Many of them cannot afford it and without these health rights they would never get there medication. Also at our office we have the regions SHIP Counselor. She has stated that she also refers many clients to the health rights to receive there medications. There really are no other programs available in the area that help provide people with getting there medications. If people would loose the heath rights, it would cause great devastation to many. There would be a lot people going without there meds and end up in the emergency room, which in turn costs even more money. I feel that you all should review your decision to make the health rights hire pharmacists to dispense medicine. I feel that this is a drastic measure and it us playing with peoples lives. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I hope you take what I say into consideration. I am speaking from a professional stand point. I just want my clients to get the care and service they need and deserve. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Amanda Woods

Amanda Woods, BSW
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August 5, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

As the community relations coordinator for West Virginia Health Right, I know how devastating it will be for the low-income citizens of West Virginia if the proposed rules for SB 722 take effect as written. Almost 50,000 people in the state look to the free clinics, local health department clinics and other specialty clinics for their medications and health care. Who will take care of all these patients if these clinics are forced to stop providing medications???

The issue of safety has been discussed as a need for creating these rules, BUT IN ALL THE YEARS OF OPERATION THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A COMPLAINT FILED! PLEASE DO NOT CREATE RULES THAT WILL AFFECT THE ABILITY OF FREE CLINICS TO DISPENSE LIFE-SAVING MEDICATIONS. THE RULES AS PROPOSED ARE TOO RESTRICTIVE AND WILL CAUSE CLINICS TO CLOSE.

I ask you to please carefully review and reconsider every word in the new proposed rules. THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS ARE AT STAKE IF YOU DO NOT MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Hill

Nancy L. Hill
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
David Potters
232 Capitol Street
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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing in regards to recently proposed regulation of charitable clinic pharmacies which was required by Senate Bill 722 as passed by the legislature earlier this year. I am President of United Hospital Center, which is a 365 bed rural referral center located in Clarksburg, West Virginia. I am writing because I am concerned of the impact the proposed regulation may have on the State's free clinics and specifically of Health Access, which is located in Clarksburg, West Virginia. United Hospital Center was one of the original founding entities which helped create Health Access and has for many years provided donations totaling over one-half a million dollars to support this vitally needed free clinic.

As a not-for-profit community hospital, United Hospital Center does not turn anyone away and provides over $26 million of indigent care to patients who require outpatient, emergency and inpatient hospital services. Health Access compliments our indigent health services by providing free continuous primary care services for a large and growing indigent population in our region. Over the years, Health Access and other free clinics have learned that providing physician and nursing services on a primary care basis is inadequate when patients could not afford to fill prescriptions. Therefore, the free clinics have been providing an enormous amount of free and donated pharmaceuticals to indigent patients, which is extremely important in their care. It is my understanding that state-wide free clinics have provided over 400,000 prescriptions per year which totals $55 million of free pharmaceuticals.

I have recently been in contact with officials at Health Access. I share their concern that the proposed regulations are to onerous and could possibly jeopardize the ability of the Health Access to provide free medications to indigent patients in the area. Specifically, I question the requirements for on-site pharmacists in charge and pharmacists in order to provide non-controlled pharmaceuticals to patients in need. I realize that the State of West Virginia maintains a legitimate need to regulate the provision of medications and provide consumer safety. However, I believe the regulation as currently drafted will injure many patients because they will not get needed maintenance medications because free clinics like Health Access will not be able to afford the regulation. I am not aware of any injury to patients due to improper administration of medications from Health Access and I would hope that these particular regulations could be redrafted so that indigent patients can continue to receive free medications distributed by our free

clinics. This is particularly important in an extremely poor and relatively uneducated population in West Virginia.

I sincerely appreciate your willingness to receive comments and specifically consider my comments on this important issue. If I can be of any assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bruce Carter
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George Karos, President
WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
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Dear President Karos,

I am writing to you as a current board member of Health Access Clinic in Clarksburg, WV. I am very concerned and opposed to the Charitable Free Clinic Pharmacy Rules that have been submitted to the WV Secretary of States Office for a public comment period. The rules are a result of the passage of Senate Bill 722 by the WV Legislature during the 2008 Term.

The rules that your board has presented will have a very negative effect on the patients that receive care at the Health Access Clinic in Clarksburg. The most problematic of the regulations is the requirement that the free clinic have a pharmacist on site when medications are given to the patient. Unlike retail pharmacies where patient present with a prescription and the physician is at times unavailable, our free clinic is likely to have the physician physically located in the same building where the prescription is being filled. The physician has already talked with the patient, has an opportunity to talk to the medication room staff and is able to personally give instruction regarding the medication he or she has ordered.

Due to the fact that we have great difficulty in getting volunteer pharmacists, it is likely that because of this rule, we would have no choice but to hire a pharmacist. This would cause a large financial burden to the free clinic. Not only that, even if we could afford to hire a pharmacist the competition to secure pharmacists in this area is intense and a free clinic would likely be the last place a pharmacist would choose to work. We simply cannot compete with other entities when it comes to salaries and benefits.

I am respectfully asking that you reconsider and withdraw the rules you have submitted for public comment. If they were to pass, our free clinic in Clarksburg would likely have to close as we would be unable to provide the free necessary medicines to the low income uninsured patients that we serve. I look forward to your response. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melanie S. Chancey

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Director of Patient Accounts

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WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a social worker at Bluefield Regional Medical Center and know first hand how important Mercer Health Right is to the community. If the proposed changes you feel are necessary are approved, deserving people will be denied the medications they need to maintain their health. I would suspect that most, if not all of the people who read this have health insurance and that it includes prescription coverage, thus, there is probably a lack of true understanding of the value and need for all of the services of Mercer Health Right to continue. The proposed Pharmacy Rule changes would take away needed prescription medications for the residents of my community. If this happens, more people will be coming to the emergency rooms of hospitals because they have become ill as a result of not having access to the medicines they need. However, emergency rooms are not the solution to this impending problem. Mercer Health Right (and the other free clinics in this state) and its ability to continue to dispense medications is a solution.

There is truly a lack of pharmacists in this state and to pay pharmacists to staff Mercer Health Right would take away funds for other needed health services.

I have had a long-standing working relationship with Mercer Health Right, and I am impressed by it's professional and caring staff. I refer patients to this free clinic on an almost daily basis. The thought of it not being able to continue to dispense free medication to people who need them is incomprehensible. The health care system of this country is already unfair to a large part of its residents. Please do not add to this by imposing your Pharmacy Rule changes. If something isn't broken, why try to fix it?

Sincerely.

Linda Williamson, MSW, LCSW

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The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Att.: Mr. David Potters
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Sir:

I am one of the volunteer physician health care providers currently working at the Milan Puskar Health Right free clinic in Morgantown.

Previously, for over thirty five years, I was an academic anesthesiologist and critical care medicine specialist at both the University of Virginia Medical Center and the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center. I retired as full Professor, and hold certification by the American Board of Anesthesiology as well as recognition as Fellowship in both the American College of Anesthesiologists and the American College of Chest Physicians. I have kept my West Virginia license, # 07880, valid and up to date continuously since July 21, 1956.

The entire concept of the free clinic – that of dependency on volunteerism of time, effort and expertise, appears to be in imminent danger if the new rules and regulations including the recommendations of the Board of Pharmacy, go into effect.

The free clinic concept, as practiced by the Milan Puskar Health Right, is largely dependent upon volunteers. These clinics are supported almost entirely by community support, primarily through personal donations and grants. The money we receive from local and state agencies is a pittance. I can personally attest to the fact that we operate on a shoestring.

And that is the problem with the proposed law which requires the presence of a registered pharmacist, as a Pharmacist in Charge, before I can provide even free samples to my patients. Apparently, the legal responsibilities and liability assumed by the pharmacist so designated, are significant, to say the least. They are certainly significant enough to preclude the reality of any pharmacist volunteering to do this. In other words, this will be either a paid position, or an empty position. And yet, assurances were apparently made by the Legislators that the new law would involve absolutely nothing that would, or could adversely impact our free medication programs.

It does not require a rocket scientist to discern that the major, of not the entire thrust of our work involves the proper, but generous use of pharmaceuticals. If this bill, as it now stands as proposed, is enacted into law, it will literally put many of these clinics out of business. . That is an obvious and inescapable conclusion.

And if I may add a personal opinion, the proposed law represents, to my way of thinking, just one more example of the tendency, in this great country of ours, to relegate another facet of health care delivery away from the goal of the broadest and most universal applicability (as the free clinic concept embodies) to the private sector in which added bureaucracy, requiring adequate compensation, is factored into what ideally

should be a unified, simplified, single payer system available to all, and free of unnecessary encumbrances.

The United States spends more on health care than the combined expenditures of the next five most advanced democratic nations, but we stand as #37 in the world in terms of both quality and quantity of delivered health care: a testament to the relative efficiency of our "privatized, fee-for-service, profit oriented" system in contrast to the almost universally present government sponsored, run, or supervised programs of those nations superior to us in this area.

Please do not let this proposed legislation, as it now stands, be enacted into law. Realize the terrible mistake you are making in this bill. Surely we can work out some plan whereby Registered Pharmacists can be incorporated into the free clinic concept, as volunteers, without such responsibilities that preclude volunteerism. The free clinic does not -- cannot -- operate like a retail pharmacy.

Sincerely,

Terring W. Heironimus III

Terring W. Heironimus III, M.D.

August 19, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:

As a former volunteer nurse at Mylan Puskar HealthRight in the early 1980s and as a former paid employee at HealthRight for 3 years, I want you to reconsider your decision to require a pharmacist present at all times when medications are being dispensed. I wish in an ideal world that we would have enough pharmacists and enough money to take care of our patient population. But in the real healthcare situation we face today it is unrealistic to expect a free clinic to pay a pharmacist anything close what they get now in the market and what they deserve. The employees at HealthRight in the pharmacy double check every medication before dispensing it to the patient. When they have questions about a medication or a possible contraindication, they address that with the healthcare provider and the nursing staff. If the walk-in pharmacy at HealthRight and any other free clinics in West Virginia are forced to close their doors, this will put thousands of patients in jeopardy throughout the state of West Virginia in addition to flooding the emergency rooms with strokes, diabetic comas and I beg you to reconsider this decision and instead work for a healthcare system that is easily accessed by all citizens.

Sincerely yours

Mike Dineen

Mike Dineen, L.P.N.
794 River Road
Morgantown, WV 26501
304-376-2676

August 6, 2010

It is my understanding that West Virginia is considering a rule to require all free clinics in the state to hire pharmacists in order to dispense prescription medication provided by drug companies at no charge to the clinics. This would be a terrible and burdensome regulation, in my opinion, that would adversely affect the public health of West Virginia as a whole, and West Virginia's least medically served citizens most of all.

While an LPN student at James Rumsey Technical Institute, I spent two clinical days at the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic in Charlestown. I was impressed with how organized and efficient the Clinic operated---with an outstanding minimal staff and dedicated volunteers, and occasionally students such as myself.

The pharmacy, specifically--which does not stock or dispense narcotics by Clinic edict--is especially well organized and staffed by a regular pharmacy technician. One day I was there, a retired registered nurse was helping with paper work in the pharmacy accounting for the medications received from the companies and stocking them on the shelves.

I observed how thankful patients were to be able to receive prescription medications that they could not possibly afford from the Clinic pharmacy. Often the prescriptions were directly dispensed by the nurse practitioner or volunteer physician who prescribed them following established Clinic pharmacy accounting practices. Occasionally, patients were given paper prescriptions for medications that were not available in the pharmacy but sold for under $5 at area drug chains.

This pharmacy service is an essential and life-saving service of the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic and other free clinics in West Virginia. Countless hours are spent there proving each patient's financial eligibility to receive the free medications to the drug companies who supply them. Many of the patients work for employers who do not offer group health or prescription insurance, or the patients do not earn enough income to afford the coverage that is sometimes available. (Many people don't realize that it is not easy at all for a patient in need of life or health saving prescriptions to receive them directly from the drug companies. The television advertisements suggest otherwise, but my experience at EPFC impressed me with the amount of documentation required by the companies. This work would be overwhelming to the average person even if they were not sick. Fortunately, the Clinic has the people and the experience to make the process work for the patient.)

Free clinics operate with a dedicated core staff. All of these professionals are outstanding, highly educated, experienced and credentialed. They could earn substantially more income elsewhere in healthcare. Only their dedication to providing health services to the underserved keeps them at the clinics. Their work is augmented by wonderful volunteer physicians, nurses, and assistants and helpers of all types who attend to every needed task. Pharmacists are more than welcome to volunteer at the clinics. However, requiring West Virginia's free clinics to employ full-time pharmacists would, almost

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

West Virginia's free clinics are a vital link in our state's health care chain. I respectfully appeal to you to allow them to continue to dispense prescription medications without being required to hire full-time pharmacists which would effectively end this vital service.

Yours truly,

George Laney
53 Dill Weed Drive
Falling Waters, WV 25419
304-261-8433

655 Whitaker Blvd. W. #502
Huntington, WV 25701
August 22, 2008

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David Potter, Executive Director
WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potter:

Twenty plus years ago a medical clinic was opened in the black community of Huntington.. This came about because the pastor of the Ebenezer Untied Method Church went to Marshall University Family Practice and ask for help for those in his community who needed help with medical care. The clinic began from very humble beginnings with help of Marshall University Medical School Family Practice, the church which provided the building and volunteers. Thru the years not only has the area of service expanded but also the numbers of volunteers including MU Family Practice, local physicians, nurses practitioners, RN's and needed help in all areas of the clinic. We now serve people with out medical insurance and who are at or below the federal poverty level. Through these years there have been many who have worked very hard to give those in need the medical care they need. The team of church, university, and community have come together and are providing first class medical care for those in our area as well as surrounding areas. I **find it difficult to believe that the board of Pharmacy wants to take that away**. You see Mr. Potter, we could never afford a full time pharmacist, and I ask," do you know of a pharmacist who would take a full time job as a volunteer."? We have worked hard for many years on behalf of those needing medical care and you and those on the pharmacy board will wipe it all away with the sweep of your pen.

Please reconsider senate bill 722 and support what we are doing for those in need.

Sincerely

Laura Darby

Laura Darby, FNP-BC
A volunteer of seventeen years

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David Potter
West Virginia Board Of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV 25301

August 27,2008

RE: New Pharmacist Requirement

Dear Sir:

I have been a physician volunteer working at the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic in Charles Town for the last 7 years. This clinic provides care to uninsured patients in Jefferson, Berkeley, and other surrounding counties. The new requirement for pharmacists to dispense medicines would effectively close us down. As you know, pharmacists are in short supply. We cannot find a single one to volunteer here. PLEASE PULL THIS RULE. We already have overqualified physicians and R.N.'s providing more than adequate oversight for this.

Thank you for your consideration of the people in this community.

Sincerely,

Vikram Dayal, M.D.

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August 26, 2008

WV Board of Pharmacies
Attn: David Potters
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Senate Bill 722

Dear Mr. Potters,

The Northern Panhandle is gifted with Wheeling Health Right. Those individuals ineligible for entitlements receive a much needed array of services with this fine organization. The community supports its fundraising projects; the professionals in the health field give selflessly of their time; the recipients of their service credit them for their well being and in many cases survival.

I realize standards are essential to ensure the public's welfare and safety. It seems though the very standards promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy will unintentionally undo the work of the free clinics and put people in harms way.

I have to believe our legislators did not want that. I urge you defer implementation of these rules until all affected parties, yourself, the free clinics and the recipients meet with our Legislators and resolve this issue.

We do not live in a country that provides universal health care. We do live in a county where the wealthy and working poor are growing distant from each others reach. No agenda, political or financial can release us from compassionately extending help to our fellow citizens in need.

Sincerely,

Catherine Torbett

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August 26, 2008

David Potters, Executive Director
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Mr. Potters:

I would like to protest the current Board of Pharmacy proposal to regulate the West Virginia free medical clinics. My background is of a pharmacist born to a self-employed truck driver from central WV. At age 56, my father became disabled, but even in those days, he was able to purchase private health insurance for his family. With modern healthcare inflation, it is not now possible to do the same. I worked 28 years as a retail pharmacist in areas of West Virginia where many residents were without the means to buy the more expensive drugs their conditions required. You had Medicaid, private insurance, and "do without" or "buy a few pills at a time".

I am now married to the clinical manager and one of the nurse practitioners at the Good Samaritan Clinic here in Parkersburg. I volunteer there at least once quarterly. Working with a retail background, and speaking only from first hand experience at this facility, I believe their dispensing procedures are equal to any in the retail setting. If these proposed rules for SB 722 are put into place, the cost and ability to comply may well be prohibitive. Not all prescription medications are available for $4 at Wal-Mart or Krogers and not all medically indigent patients have $4.

WV Public Radio quotes you as saying "Patients.....deserve the same minimum safety standard protections regardless of whether they're able to pay for it". True. But they don't need protected from obtaining health care and life-saving medications from the very entities that were put in place to serve and safeguard them. A common medical school fundamental "First, do no harm" might apply in this situation. I would respectfully ask you and the board to consider both the patients this will affect and the profession of pharmacy.

Sincerely,

Frederick L Moore

Frederick L. Moore, R.Ph.
324 Chichester Lane
Parkersburg, WV

WestVirginiaUniversity
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

August 23, 2008

David Potters
WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters,

I am a family physician and volunteer Medical Director for Milan Puskar Health Right in Morgantown, WV. I am writing to express concerns about the proposed rule submitted by Board of Pharmacy to the Legislature regarding charitable/free clinic pharmacies. The proposed rule will cause serious adverse consequences to citizens of West Virginia and should be re-considered.

It is my understanding that the rule will require a pharmacist-in-charge to be physically present whenever medication is dispensed from the pharmacies. Currently licensed medical providers are present when medication is dispensed by pharmacy technicians. Free clinics are mostly staffed by volunteer licensed medical providers. It has been historically difficult to find volunteer pharmacists to work in free clinics. Free clinics in West Virginia have very limited budgets, primarily from donations from our local communities. If the proposed rule is implemented, the result would be significant limitation of the ability of free clinics to supply free medication to their patients. Most free clinics could not afford to hire pharmacists. IF volunteer pharmacists could be recruited, it would mean that the pharmacy could distribute medication at limited times when the pharmacist could be present.

Some free clinic patients have to travel significant distances to get medical care. If there were limited pharmacy hours due to the proposed rule, some patients would be required to return at a separate time. Many free clinic patients are working poor who work in low wage jobs with inflexible hours. It creates an enormous barrier to good care to require them to make extra trips to get medications filled. The current system works well, since the patient can see their medical provider and get medication at one visit.

There are safety concerns when volunteer pharmacists are dispensing medications with an unfamiliar system. If numerous volunteer pharmacists work in the free clinic pharmacies, it could potentially increase dispensing errors rather than improve safety.

Imagine the consequences if this rule is accepted: A janitor with diabetes travels 50 miles to a free clinic for his medical care. He learns that the free clinic pharmacy is now only open one day per week because a pharmacist must be present. His insulin alone would cost $150 per month which he can't afford with his low wages. His other medications cost an additional $40 per month. He has to work during the hours that the pharmacy is open and he worries that he can't afford the gas money to come to the clinic on another day each month.

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The patient tells his physician that he will have to stop his insulin. The physician warns him this will likely result in hospitalization or death. The physician is prevented from giving him insulin from the pharmacy by the Board of Pharmacy rule because no pharmacist is present.

Consider the potential cumulative harm to West Virginia's poor. Free clinics have provided 450,000 prescriptions to patients. When thousands cannot obtain needed medication for hypertension, asthma, coronary artery disease, diabetes, HIV, chronic obstructive lung disease, how many will experience adverse outcomes? How many additional emergency department visits will occur for heart attack, stroke, respiratory failure, uncontrolled diabetes?

The proposed rule has many requirements that will add unnecessary costs to our already-strained free clinics. Why require the purchase of weights and measures for a pharmacy that never does compounding? Why require a steel curtain to secure a pharmacy that does not ever contain controlled substances?

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The intent of the Legislature was to have the Board of Pharmacy work with free clinics to improve quality assurance and safety without preventing free clinics from providing free medicine. The Board of Pharmacy has developed this rule unilaterally with little real input or collaboration with free clinic leadership. This rule is being proposed without fully examining the consequences of its application. It will create a health care crisis, rather than protecting public health, safety and welfare.

I ask that you withdraw the proposed rule from consideration by the legislature this year. Instead, work collaboratively with free clinic pharmacies to develop a rule that will preserve the ability of free clinic pharmacies to operate effectively, and also that will enhance quality care and safety. Consider with us ways to encourage greater pharmacist involvement especially in improving policies and quality assurance. Are pharmacists reluctant to be involved because they are fearful of Board censure? The Board could help free clinic pharmacies achieve the common goal of better health care for disadvantaged West Virginians, but the solutions must be practical, feasible and carefully considered.

Sincerely,

Karen M Fitzpatrick MD

Karen M. Fitzpatrick, M.D.
Associate Professor

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To whom it may concern,

Please help my mawmaw
She is sick.

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(written for Jesse Ellison)
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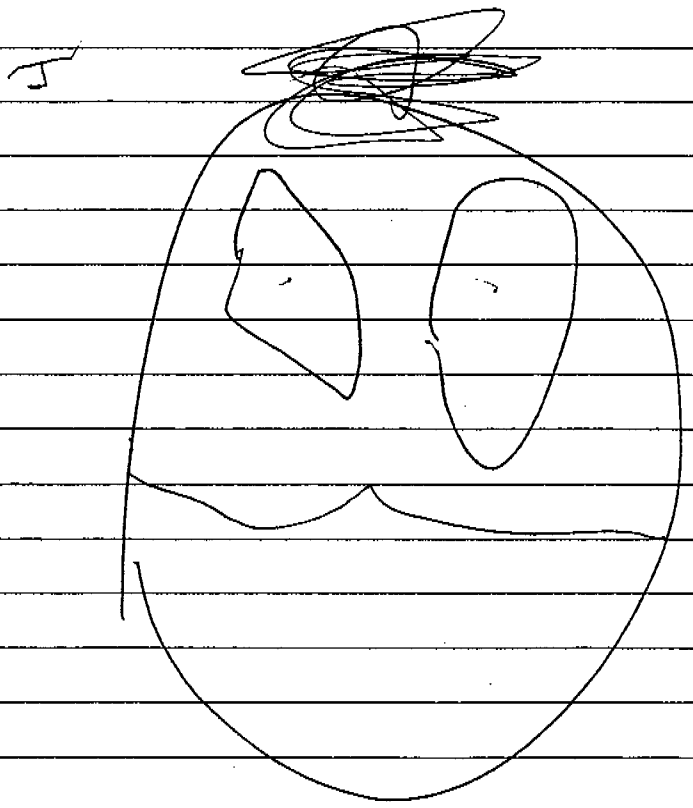

MERCER HEALTH RIGHT, INC.
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BLUEFIELD, W. VA. 24701
Telephone and Fax: 304-327-2410

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MERCER HEALTH RIGHT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Proposed new pharmacy rules will stop the free clinics from providing medications to undigent uninsured patients. The rules demand a pharmacist be on staff to dispense all medications. There are no volunteer pharmacists to fulfill that 32 hour/week need and to hire a pharmacist will cost $100,000. The clinic's present budget is $260,000/yr.

Mercer Health Right is asking all of our medical community members to send letters of comment to the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy about the affect that the newly proposed rules will have on health care in our community. As you know, free clinics are the voice of thousands of patients who are NOW at risk, with their health care status in serious jeopardy. Across our country, many politicians and organizations are discussing ways to HELP the uninsured, reduce hospital cost shifts, and provide quality accessible health care to our growing number of uninsured working poor. In WV, the new Board of Pharmacy rules are proposing the EXACT OPPOSITE! Attached is a letter that you may date and sign or use a guideline for your own letter.

The Board's rules even prohibit doctors, dentists, and other clinicians from dispensing medicines to patients if they are working at a charitable clinic. These rules need to be changed.

Please put your name and address, sign letter, and mail to the WV Board of Pharmacy, 232 Capitol St. Charleston, WV 25301. Or use this letter as a template to write your own. Just please write in opposition to these rules.

Your letter will make a difference. Every letter must be responded to by the Board of Pharmacy and must be included in the report to the Legislative Rules Committee for review before they vote on the rules.

Thanks! Your friend & colleague

Kathi Wiles

"Or to Pharmacist"

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W.V. Board of Pharmacy

I would like to express my concern of Senate Bill 772 in which Free Clinic will be forced to stop providing medications without hiring a Pharmacist on staff. I have been receiving services for the past 2½ years from Health Right Clinic in Beckley, WV for free "life saving" medications. If the Board of Pharmacy Rule is not changed my "quality of life" will be affected deeply. I am an unemployed Social Worker working as a Part time BSA. With the medications the clinic provides for me I would not be able to work or seek a better position in which I could afford Healthcare that would cover my medications. I have no children therefore the welfare System will not help with any kind of benefits. I know this for a fact because I worked at DHHR in APS temporarily in the past.

I now suffer from thyroid problems, degenetive arthritis, high cholesterol & edema & with out these medications which are provided by the Free clinic I would be put in a "life threatening position". I want to advocate for the Free Services & medication that I believe the "working poor & uninsured" in our State deserve. West Virginia is already on the bottom of the list in "Quality of Life" according to Forbes, so I am pleading to change the Pharmacy rule & allow Free Clinics to continue providing Free medications without hiring a Pharmacist which would cause them to have

Lack Of Meds; Can Make You Dead.
Backwards again! Why can't the Legislature and
Board of Pharmacy leave well enough alone?
Aren't medical people supposed to "Do No Harm"?
Well the W.V.B. "Harmacy" Board must not have
read that part. Not hundreds, but THOUSANDS
of West Virginia people will not only be harmed;
they will be put in serious danger and MANY WILL
MAY BE DIE because of the planned actions. The fine folks
working at the pharmacies at the "Health Right"
and similar places have done a safe and proper
job for YEARS with very little trouble. We
poor folks have no where else to go to have
our medical needs met. You people have
insurance, etc.; We Don't. Why cause and increase
pain, suffering, loss of health, for those who
need help the most. None of You are serving
the People, or making life better; which will be
Remembered, Mr. Legislators, come Election Day.
The Free Health Clinics Pharmacies are Well
Supervised now and do their work carefully.
Butt Out! At some point Your family and
friends will be affected too.

THOMAS C. CHAMBERS

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deserving population. Please don't put the people who depend these free services at risk of losing their medications which will cause a life altering situation in their lives & put West Virginias "Quality of life" down another step on the ladder.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hawley BSW
PO Box 612
Glen Daniel, WV 25844

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August 12, 2008

Mercer Health Right
P. O. Box 6280
Bluefield, WV 24701

Re: Senate Bill 722

Dear Sir or Madam:

My private legal practice is exclusively Social Security disability claims. These are extremely difficult cases to win and often require an inordinate amount of medical evidence. The vast majority of my clients are indigent and cannot afford medical health care and the medications they so desperately need. Many of my clients are patients at Mercer Health Right, and I know firsthand how important your services are to this community. One of the most critical such service is your supplying patients with medicines which they would not otherwise be able to obtain. It would be a travesty if the Board of Pharmacy was to restrict you from distributing those medicines. Please add my name to your list of Mercer County residents who are adamantly opposed to such a restriction.

Very truly yours,

Deborah K. Garton

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Enc.

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I didn't have health insurance a couple of years ago and Health Right really helped me get my medications. A lot of people do not have the money to see the doctor and cannot afford their medicine. With everything more expensive than ever people can just die. It's like regressing back into the old days. Health Right is a good thing and it is needed for a lot of people.

Norma L Bowles

Date
AUG 22 2008
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Josephine, W.V.
Aug. 18. 2008

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to ask you to please keep Helping Hands Health Right Inc. of 111 Randolph St. Beckley, W.V. 25801 open. I am fortunate to have medical coverage, but I know so many people that don't have no coverage. They depend on Helping Hands Health right for medicine and doctor care. They cannot affard to buy medicine and doctor care. It will really be so sad if you close, to see all the people that will have to suffer for medicine and medical care. Please Consider all the people in Raleigh County that will have no where to go to for help. Every thing you can do to stay open will be appreciated.

Thank You
Mrs. Emma Jean Lambert
P.O. Box 17
Josephine, W.V. 25857
Phone 304-663-9311

WV board of Pharmacy,

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Hello. I want to tell you
how unfair to not make free
health clinics have to have
pharmacists - they'll have to
close and a lot of people would
suffer. I use to have to go
to health right and I know
what it's like to have no other
options.

They have safety nets in
place, so they don't need
regulated. Please leave them
alone. You'll hurt poor people.

Sincerely,

Allen Tucker

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Dear Mr Potters,

I am on Social Security and just over the amount that allows for Medicaid.

If I can't get my maintenance drugs from Health Right, where can I go?

Health Right and other free clinics as I understand do no dispense controlled substances, so what is the problem?

Dorothy Ackerman
Park View Lane
Wheeling WV 26003

August 24, 08

TO: WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Please do not restrict the ability of Free Clinics to provide medication to people in the State of West Virginia.

Sincerely,

David R. Yeager

151 Dogwood Ave.

Wheeling, WV 26003

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Sept 27, 2011

To Members of the WV
Board of Pharmacy:

Please reconsider the demand that WV free medical clinics have a licensed pharmacist on their staffs. The financial burden this would place on the clinics would truly be beyond their bearing. As I know you realize, these clinics are providing absolutely vital services and medicines to West Virginians who have no or little other recourse for medical care. They are carefully run entities in need of support rather than added regulation.

Sincerely,

Maureen Sullivan Drury
4010 Eoff Street
Wheeling 26003
(304) 233 1225

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Dear Michelle,

I'm just writing this note to express how much the clinic and especially the pharmacy means to me.

With me having little to no income and the amount of medications I need there would be no way I would be able to survive.

So again I just wanted to thank you and let you know how much you and the clinic mean to me.

Thank you so much.

Your friend
and patient

Kelli Heath

Mrs. Christine Paul
436 Deerfield Dr.
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

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August 25, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

To The Board of Pharmacy:

How can you propose rules that would affect the ability of working poor of West Virginia to obtain free medications? Where will low-income, uninsured individuals go for their medicines if the free clinics have to designate one pharmacist as the pharmacist in charge? While the proposed rules states this individual could be a volunteer, no one will volunteer to be a pharmacist in charge given the liability and responsibilities of that position. In addition, free clinics do not have the resources to pay a staff of medical professionals.

I am deeply concerned because I know how devastating it will be to thousands of working individuals who cannot afford health insurance if the rules you have proposed become reality. The issue of safety has been stated as the reason for creating the rules, but you are making a problem where there is none.

FREE CLINICS MUST BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE DIFFERENTLY FROM RETAIL PHARMACIES! PLEASE PULL THE RULE AND DEVELOP A CONSENSUS RULE THAT ALLOWS FOR BOTH ACCESS TO PHARMACEUTICALS AND PROVIDES PATIENT PROTECTION.

Sincerely,

Christine Paul

Cc: West Virginia Health Right
1520 Washington, St. East
Charleston, WV 25311
Healthrigh@aol.com

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Health Right is a great thing. If it werent for having a Health Right I wouldnt be able to get the medications that I need for them I'm thankful. I think by removing any of the Health Rights is putting alot of peoples lives & health on the line.

Jerry Foster

August 4, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Fred Atkins Beckley WV. My wife has been going to the Health right clinic in Beckley for several years. I am disabeled and have VA health care but my wife has no type of health insurance. She is diabetic and 58 years old with other health issues also. We greatly appreciate the help in care and medicines she gets thru the clinic. It is a great blessing and sincerely hope that it will remain open. We cannot do without it. I hope everyone concerned with the clinic can find a way to keep it operating. Thanks

Fred Atkins

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August 1, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Beverly Owens and I have been a patient at the Beckley Health for five years now.

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I have no medical insurance and can not afford to seek treatment and recieve my medications anywhere else. The Health Right Clinic treat me with my heart medication, I am prescribed medicine for high blood pressure, leg pain, and other minor conditions I have.

I totally depend on the clinic to assist me in maintaining and improving my health. I sincerely hope I will be able to continue coming to the clinic. They have helped me tremendously. Thank You,

Beverly Owens
P.O. Box 1026
Beaver, WV 25813

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August 1, 2008

To whom it May Concern:

My name is William Owens and I am a patient at the Beckley Health Right for five years now. It has come to my attention that is a possibility the clinic will have to close. I am very concerned due to the fact I have no insurance and can not be seen anywhere else. This clinic treats me for diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and severe episodes of gout. Without the clinics help, my condition could get very serious very fast.

Please do all you can to keep the clinic open for me and our community. It must not close.

Thank You,

William Owens

P.O. Box 1187 Sophia, WV

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To whom it may concern--

Upon a recent visit to Beckley Health Right, I was informed that you were thinking of closing it with all the other free clinics. I want to tell you that would be a slap to the face of many people. Since I've been out on my own, let me tell you some stories. At Raleigh General hospital I was told by Dr. Kelly that people like me w/o insurance are a waste of his time and unless I was dying he told me to go to Beckley Health Right a clinic that was for people like me. Appalachian Hospital if you go to their emergency room there is always a 2-3 hr. wait. Places like Urgent Care, Primary Care Plus & Etc want anywhere between $50.00 to $100.00 just for the doctor visit. All these places have one more thing in common their extremely rude to low income families w/o insurance.

Now at Beckley Health Right I feel welcome. The staff is always nice and you can get into see a doctor in a timely manner also can get prescription affordable. At a normal pharmacy It would cost me $800.00 for all my meds. Beckley Health Right I can get the majority of my meds for under $20.00 If you close this clinic I won't be able to see the doctor or get my medications filled. I strongly suggest you keep this clinic open and functional as it is right now, because I'm not the only one who feels this way I'm sure there is more than me who ~~[illegible]~~ are patients.

Respectfully

Ben Canterbury

August 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been going to the Healthright facility in Bartley for several years. My husband is retired and disabled. He has VA health benefits but I have absolutely no type of insurance coverage. The Healthright clinic is a great help to me for health care and medicines in that I am a diabetic with other health problems. I really do appreciate their help and don't know what I would do if it closed. Please try to keep it operating if at all possible. Thank You,

Theresa Ickes

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To whom it may concern,

Please continue to give your health care services to my mother. She is 58 years old. She has no way financially to get her medicine for her diabetes and her many health problems without your help. We would have no where else to turn. I beg you to keep this facility open. Your program has been keeping my mother alive.

Thank You & God Bless You

Serena Ellison
254-9553
Beckley WV

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To whom it may Concern

My Name is Paul Ellison
I am the son in law of Shelma Adkins one of your patients She is a wonderful person but a very sick person. She depends on your medicine & care to live a normal life.
She has no insurance and her husband is a disabled coal miner who has worked all his life and now has nothing to show for it, no health care plan no pension. They are honest, decent hard working people who need help in their last years of their life.
Please continue to offer peper a way to get their much needed medicine. We want to let Shelma see our Children grow up, she can not do that without the medicine that keeps her alive.

Thank you
Paul Dale Ellison
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168 Cleveland school Rd Beckley WV 25801

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July 31, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my opinion about the fact of wanting a licensed pharmacist dispensing drugs at clinics such as Beckley Health Right. Have you considered at whose expense this would be? I for one get many drugs from Beckley Health Right, and without them where would I go? I don't have any insurance and certainly couldn't pay for my medicine. I agree we need appropriate people to do this but this clinic certainly does. Unless you have some means of providing medicines & other tests as Beckley Health Right does then its time to let the people choose wheather we would rather get the help we need or the alternative. Without my medication I would certainly not be here. Please reconsider what you are doing and let us live a normal life with the meds we get.

Sincerely Yours
Bonnie Custer

Dear Mr. Potters,

I ask that the Pharmacy Board please rethink its decision mandating the presence of a pharmacist at free clinics.

Respectfully,

Craig White

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Dear Mr. Patten,

As a registered Nurse, I worked in a hospital for forty four and one half years. During my years of work, I cared for many patients who lived on a very limited income. If the physician had not given free samples and the nurses not taken up a collection to pay for the prescriptions, many people would not have medications to treat some serious illnesses.

There were no free clinics at this time.

I understand, that it is difficult sometimes to get people to volunteer their time and talent.

If the Board of Pharmacy could somehow, work up a program to offer pharmacists some continuing education credits toward license renewal, perhaps pharmacists would be willing to offer a few hours weekly to keep free clinics.

It is sad to think, that in a country where we have so much, so many of our citizens will have to do without. Please help the free clinics to provide for those in need.

Sincerely,
Nancy L. Zgoldos

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Dear Sir,

As a nurse practitioner in WV for over 22 years, I am taken back by the proposed amendments to Senate Bill 722. I have many unanswered questions as to WHY and WHO would ever support such an oppressive bill. I have had several employment opportunities in the Eastern Panhandle including Shenandoah Valley Medical Systems (rural community health center), Health Right-Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic, and presently I am a vendor for the state and contracted by Shepherd University Student Health for primary care services. All of these sites have provided free medications to patients for various GOOD reasons. None of these sites have had problems or errors related to the dispensing of medications by professional NP providers.

While the amendments appear to be directing change in dispensing protocols for free clinics and perhaps other ambulatory health centers that dispense for retail, our university health center, serving over 4000 community members, is now required to hire a pharmacist or physician to dispense the most essential antibiotics prescribed for common communicable infections (i.e. strep, MRSA, UTIs). My job as an NP is now much easier by not having to dispense, but I have already encountered problems for our students.
First, most kids living on campus do not have transportation to a pharmacy or cannot readily afford the retail price of antibiotics. Dispensing a 7-10 day course of generic meds assures that the patient is compliant with the first step to patient management; access to the medicine. No sense monitoring and evaluating patient outcomes if the patient did not obtain the necessary medications. Secondly, due to the high volume of students without health insurance, many of my patients qualify for patient assistance through pharmaceutical companies. The new amendments prohibit the "delivery" of pre-packaged, free, but generally VERY costly brand name medications sent by the prescription patient assistance companies. For example, Forest Pharmaceuticals sends a 3 month supply of Lexapro to the health center for delivery by the provider to the patient. While some patient assistance programs will send medications directly to the patient, Forest does not. Luckily, Glaxo, for example, will send directly to patients. The down side to that scenario is that I am not available to counsel, direct, instruct, or answer questions related to the initial use of the medication or device (i.e. inhaler). I suppose I could interpret that "dispensing" is defined as packaging AND delivery, and, therefore, I am only distributing a medication, not dispensing. Would that be a fair "loophole"?

Finally, on a more personal note, as an RN for over 30 years, I believe very strongly that we are

qualified to assure patient safety. It offends me to read your public comments that the SB 722 amendments are to protect the patient's safety and yet the bill negates the value of RNs in the ability to dispense in the absence of a pharmacist. Do you honestly believe that a pharmacy technician, pouring and labeling a medicine, is safer than an RN/NP pouring and labeling meds? There is no profession that is more health and safety oriented than nursing. Our entire profession is based on health promotion, protection, and helping patients to achieve desired outcomes. Nurses are educated to listen, counsel, and direct care through scientific processes in decision-making skills. Do you believe that handing out the standard "About this Medication" forms to read is safer and more effective than an NP (who sees the patient routinely) verbally explaining the uses, dosing, administration, adverse effects, and common side effects of medicines that he/she have prescribed?

While the Board of Pharmacy is not regulating the dispensing privileges of other professions according to you, it is, indeed, covertly banning this practice by controlling which health arenas are entitled to dispense. Perhaps the initial objective of these amendments was to curtail "retailing" drugs outside of licensed pharmacies and control the dispensing of medications by unlicensed personnel to ensure patient safety. Unfortunately, these initial objectives are not consistent with the outcomes these regulations will have on patient care. Has the Board of Pharmacy and the WV senate researched the consequential effects of such an amendment on the overall good to the public? Aren't we a state that believes in doing the most good for the most people? Has there been negligence, misuse of power, or ill effects as a result of free clinics dispensing necessary, PRESCRIBED, medications? Truly, we do not have a congress that believes cost- effective, holistic, and high quality patient care can't exist without a pharmacist or physician dispensing the prescribed medications. Why would anyone consider this amendment to be helpful to the safety of patients when health care costs are already unaffordable?

That said, I do not believe that the efforts behind these amendments are solely to protect patients. Instead, I believe they exist as an agenda to support the desired role expansion of pharmacists into collaborative practitioners and prescribers. I hope that I am mistaken for the good of the public. Has this possibility been brought to the attention of our congress by the Board of Pharmacy? It is unfortunate that this new agenda is hurting the consumers of service oriented, non-profit, and charitable clinics statewide, and without good reason! The effects have free clinics, school health centers, and employee health centers scrambling for answers and solutions to one of the biggest problems faced by the helping professions.

I appreciate your time in attending to these concerns and questions. I hope that you will share your perspectives on these issues with me and the other professionals who are facing these new barriers in their practice. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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Shepherdstown, WV 25443

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Date [illegible]
From "ec stephenson" <ecs[illegible]@[illegible]>
To abotters@wvbop.com
Subject Free clinic prescription drugs
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Mr Potters,

I am writing to ask the board to reconsider its position on free clinic drug dispensing.I believe that this is a valuable service for our most needy citizens.The only persons who benefit from this decision are the pharmacists.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, E.C.Stephenson jr/ Bluefield,WV

Date [illegible]
From "Linda Gunnoe" <LGunnoe@[illegible].com>
To dpotters@wvbop.com, bjbavne@wvbop.com, bknotn@wvbop.com, baelby@wvbop.com, tgenkin@wvbop.com, ivanmeter@wvbop.com, awinters@wvbop.com
Subject Rule concerning free clinics
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Please do not force the free clinics in WV to have a full-time pharmacist. I understand that you are wanting quality control over the medications dispensed by the free clinics...but in the two plus years I've been a patient at Beckley Healthright, I've never experienced a problem with my medications and according to an editorial in The Register Herald today, there have been no lawsuits or complaints of negligence in the 25 years of the free clinics' operation. So why try to fix something that isn't broke?

My potentially life-saving medications would cost somewhere between $375 - $475 a month if I were to have to get them at a retail pharmacy. Although I work full-time, I bring home less that $1000 a month. There is simply no way I could afford to buy my medications at a retail pharmacy. I would simply have to quit taking them. If this rule goes into effect...you are costing the lives of many West Virginians!

These clinics simply cannot afford to hire a full-time pharmacist. Can you guarantee enough VOLUNTEER pharmacists to staff these clinics? I don't think so seeing as how there is one local retail pharmacy that can't seem to keep a paid pharmacist.

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!!!

L. C. Gunnoe
104 Ridge Avenue
Beckley, WV 25801
304-252-0901

Date [illegible]
From [illegible]
To [illegible]
Subject free clinics
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Dear mr. Potters:
Please don't force free clinics to hire pharmacists to dispense medicine for the poor. This will cause harm to the poor who will not be able to get their medicine. we know that this is all about protecting pharmacists turf and high incomes at the expense of the poor.
if the board of pharmacy really cares about the well being of the poor then you should provide free service or leave the poor alone.
thank you
kim kay

Date [redacted]
From [redacted]
To dpotters@wvbpol.com
Cc donnaboley@suddenlink.net
Subject SB722
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Robert D. Lincicome, R.Ph.
7 Woodland Drive
Vienna, WV 26105
August 25, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301
ATTN: David Potters, Executive Director

Gentlemen:

I am writing in regard to SB722 and the recommended rules handed down by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy for free clinics. I am a registered pharmacist in the State of West Virginia and a board member and volunteer pharmacist at the Good Samaritan Clinic in Parkersburg.

I am well aware of the duties and responsibilities that the Board of Pharmacy is charged with and understand the concern for patient safety. After reviewing the proposed rules for free clinics I have some questions, observations, and thoughts that I would like for you to consider.

1. How many clinic sites has the board visited? I can only speak for our clinic in Parkersburg in that no one from the board came to visit us. In my opinion, if one is deciding the fate and future of free clinics I would want to observe as many situations as possible.

2. I was under the impression that SB722 charged the board to jointly work with the free clinic in developing the new rules. From what I have been able to gather, the input from the free clinic side has been very limited.

3. I am puzzled by Section 4.2.2. Prescribing practitioners in private practice are not required to have a pharmacy tech. Why put this restriction on free clinics?

4. With the shortage situation of pharmacists in the state and the rules for free clinics, I cannot help wonder what the fate of pharmacies in free clinics will be. I understand your concerns, but do we want the clinics to end up with no pharmacy services at all?

In closing, let us not forget the patient. Being concerned about patient safety is a complex and important issue to say the least, but to possibly disrupt continuum of care is also a safety issue. I would hope that the dialog between the board and free clinics remain open and a workable solution is accomplished.

Sincerely,
Robert D. Lincicome, R.Ph

August 21, 2008

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David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters,

We are writing to express our concern about the proposed rules and regulations for charitable clinic pharmacies. Physicians from the Department of Medicine at West Virginia University have been affiliated with the Milan Puskar Health Right Clinic in Morgantown for many years. We have cared for countless patients at Health Right. In addition, many of our hospital and clinic patients rely on the medication dispensing services provided by Health Right. We want to be sure that this service is not interrupted.

Our understanding is that the free clinics will need to have a pharmacist on site in order for the technicians to fill prescriptions. If a pharmacist is not available, what is the technician to do the rest of the time? It will be very difficult to recruit and retain technicians if they do not know when they will work. We know that the regulations are allowing physicians on site to hand out medications filled by the technician when the pharmacist is not available. This process will slow down practitioners seeing patients, and is not an efficient use of volunteer physician time. Also, this is not an efficient process for dispensing medications over the extended periods of time when the pharmacist is not available.

For many years, patients have been well served by the free clinic in our community. The clinic has had regular guidance and oversight by pharmacists on the Board of Directors. They have assured quality systems and programs and we are comfortable with the provision of services by the pharmacy technicians.

Rather than dictating the number of hours a pharmacist must be on site, we recommend that the Board of Pharmacy work with the free clinics to develop quality programs modeled after the site in Morgantown. Creating safe guards with administrative oversight by a pharmacist seems to be a much more feasible, economical plan for providing care to our patients. If pharmacists are required to be on site, some provision must be built into the West Virginia Legislature to offset the cost of hiring pharmacists. Relying on volunteers is not safe. A pharmacist volunteering a few hours every two months is not going to be able to know the system well enough to add safety, and in fact may make the situation less safe. Recruiting and coordinating volunteers will be a logistical nightmare.

We are asking the Board of Pharmacy to carefully review these requirements in light of the very unique circumstances at the free clinics. Please include a time-line for implementation of any rule changes. A safe transition to any new rules is imperative to prevent adverse health outcomes for our patients. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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W V Board of Pharmacists
ATTN: DAVID POTTERS
232 Capitol Street
Charleston WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters

Have you ever had a poor paying job and could not afford health insurance? Please wake up and look at the stats in this state. If you cause the closure of the free clinics, just what is your plan for helping these people?

Wheeling Health Right is the ONLY organization that I contribute to because I know that nearly every dollar is used to help the clients and not go into the pockets of the adminstrators.

Very, very sincerely,

Nora M. Murphy

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August 26, 2008

David Potter
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potter:

I'm a member of the Good Samaritan Board of Directors and have been following the State press regarding the issue of Senate Bill 722. As a long term board member I have several questions that need to be answered. Any error that occurs at our facility would be reported to the Board of Directors. My experience is that there are few errors and if there were, your agency should rightfully investigate the circumstances. Our clinic would gladly cooperate with such an investigation. I know of no such medical errors and no investigation. Therefore as a Board Member of the Clinic in Parkersburg, I would like to have a report of these errors. I would also like to know the number of errors reported in other clinics around the State.

Secondly I would like to know why physicians in their offices can dispense medicine and yet those same physicians working in a free clinic cannot. This does not sound like the same standard of care. I would strongly suspect that there would be more errors in the doctors' offices than in our clinic. Yet the Offices do not have to have a pharmacy technician present to check them.

Where are these pharmacists all coming from? Our hospital is always looking for pharmacists as are many of the retail pharmacies. Most of the pharmacy students that I know who have graduated from WVU are all in jobs out of State.

I would encourage your office to come up with some honest answers. What has been reported in the press thus far has little integrity for those of us that have been around the Healthcare business in WV for the last 20 years. What are the real issues behind this legislation? What is the legislature and the Board of Pharmacy trying to accomplish ? Then maybe we could find some common ground and some practical solutions to support the Governor and your office. I await your response.

Sincerely,

Sister Joan Kreyenbuhl, CSJ
Vice President, Mission and Ethics

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David Potters, Executive Director & General Counsel
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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RE: Comments on 15CSR1 and 15CSR13

I was recently appraised and read information on the proposed revisions to 15CSR1 and the new rule 15CSR13. It is my understanding there is a comment period for public input available until August 29, 2008.

There are several concerns that I have with respect to the requirement that a pharmacist-in-charge be present in order for medications to be dispensed at free or charitable clinics. While the safety of each West Virginian must be our first priority we must also understand the implications and potential loss of life that is at stake under the proposed and existing new requirements.

Most of our free clinics in the State of WV that dispense medications do so with the use of a volunteer base of pharmacists. Should these clinics be required have a full time pharmacist on staff they would be unable to afford the position and most would be forced to close their pharmacies. While some may feel there are alternatives for the clients of these clinics the reality is there is not. Many do not qualify for Medicare, do not have employer group based health care but yet are viably employed at a wage level that doesn't afford them the disposable income to pay for private health insurance. These individuals who number in the thousands will now possibly be forced to exist without medication and potentially shorten their life spans.

I truly believe that through collaborative efforts by the effected parties (Board of Pharmacy & Free Clinics) in working through these revisions the goal and intent of the new rule should be able to be accomplished.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence E. Bandi

Lawrence E. Bandi
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WV Board of Pharmacies
Attn: David Potters
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Senate Bill 722

Dear Mr. Potters,

The Northern Panhandle is gifted with Wheeling Health Right. Those individuals ineligible for entitlements receive a much needed array of services with this fine organization. The community supports its fundraising projects; the professionals in the health field give selflessly of their time; the recipients of their service credit them for their well being and in many cases survival.

I realize standards are essential to ensure the public's welfare and safety. It seems though the very standards promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy will unintentionally undo the work of the free clinics and put people in harms way.

I have to believe our legislators did not want that. I urge you defer implementation of these rules until all affected parties, yourself, the free clinics and the recipients meet with our Legislators and resolve this issue.

We do not live in a country that provides universal health care. We do live in a county where the wealthy and working poor are growing distant from each others reach. No agenda, political or financial can release us from compassionately extending help to our fellow citizens in need.

Sincerely,

John Moses
Executive Director

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Mr. David Potters
Executive Director
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potter:

We are concerned about the rule change that would affect the ability of free clinics to dispense non-controlled pharmaceuticals to those that need them. It will be devastating to the many in this state who cannot afford health insurance.

The issue of safety has been stated as the reason for creating the rules, but free clinics provide complete continuity of pharmaceutical care to their patients because it is the only pharmacy the patient accesses. The practitioners working or volunteering for a free clinic use HealtheWV EMR which automatically causes the practitioner to review each patient's medication list and any adverse reactions before sending/printing prescriptions to be sent to the pharmacy.

Free clinics need to operate differently from retail pharmacies. Please make revisions to develop a consensus rule that allows for both access to pharmaceuticals and provides patient protection.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Lisowski, SC ACSW
Executive Director
Catholic Charities West Virginia

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150 Ronald Reagan Drive
Parkersburg, WV 26101
August 26, 2008

Dear Mr. Potters and the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy,

I am writing to you because I am alarmed about the ability to provide comprehensive, quality health services at our state's free clinics, and I have been told that you share my concern about quality health care.

For the last year, I have had the privilege of treating patients at the Good Samaritan Clinic in Parkersburg. It has been rewarding for me to be able to help promote wellness and treat diseases for low-income individuals. While I always recommend lifestyle modification, prescription medications are often required. It has come to my attention that the pharmacy services provided by the Good Samaritan Clinic may be in jeopardy due to recent legislation. This could cause deterioration in health status for my patients if they are unable to receive medication at the clinic because most will be unable to afford prescriptions at retail pharmacies.

Having a pharmacy onsite is beneficial for other reasons. When a patient has his or her prescriptions filled at our pharmacy, I am assured that he or she is taking the medications as directed. On the contrary, when I write or call in a prescription to an outside pharmacy, I do not know if the patient is actually going to fill the prescription. Also, as patients pick up prescriptions, they have face-to-face contact with a nurse practitioner and/or our office nurse. This allows an additional opportunity to answer questions.

Discontinuation of pharmacy services at Good Samaritan Clinic will have a negative impact on the greater Parkersburg area. Emergency rooms, community agencies, and local physicians refer patients for our services. Typically, when patients call Good Samaritan, their first question is, "Can you help me with my prescription medications?" Giving a positive answer to this question opens the door to discuss health promotion, diagnose medical conditions, prevent further progression of debilitating diseases, and provide screening services such as the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. If patients hear that we can no longer supply affordable prescriptions, they will not be interested in the other services we offer. This will cause further burden on our already busy emergency rooms and lead to a less healthy Mid-Ohio Valley.

I appreciate your concern about health care in the state of West Virginia. Will you consider how you can help keep our patients healthy?

Thank you,

Nancy J. Kline
Nurse Practitioner

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Aug. 23, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in regard to the new pharmacy bill. I am an internist who has volunteered at the free clinic in Morgentown, WV for the past 22 years. This is the Milan Puskar Healthright Clinic. Many patients have been served well at this clinic over the years — people who would otherwise be unable to obtain medical care, or much-needed medications. I sincerely hope that the Board of Pharmacy will reach a compromise and allow free clinics such as Healthright to continue dispensing medications to their patients in a way that is practical, affordable, feasible, and safe.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Fisher, M.D.

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
c/o David Potter
232 Capitol St.
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Re: Free Clinics

Dear Mr. Potters,

I would like to voice my concern about many hardworking people being denied the services of West Virginia's free clinics. I know the Board of Pharmacy has stated, "these patients who have to go to free clinics should be afforded the same safety protections as those who can afford the most costly medical care."

Well, I am a senior citizen who is on Medicare and have Medicare Supplemental Insurance thank goodness and it is still hard to afford the Medications that I need. I have been fortunate that I have been able to make do. However, I do know individuals who have very serious health issues and they have used the Free Clinics and received the free medications which helped them beyond measure. If I ever get to the place where I cannot afford my medications (medication prices are sky rocketing all the time), I would like to have a place like the Free Clinics to go get help.

As stated in the Gazette August 24, 2004 article in the Perspective section." The Clinic's success is measured by the fact that the Board of Pharmacy has never received a patient complaint or "adverse event" from any one in 26 years of West Virginia's free clinics."

"All too often we close one eye to the reality of other people's lives. If it doesn't affect us, then it doesn't exist. The hard truth about "safety" for the uninsured working poor is that have NO OTHER PLACE to go. They live without life-sustaining medicine, put ogg going to the doctor, and choose between medicine and food because they simply can't afford it."

PLEASE take all of this into account when you think about what these Free Clinics do for these people as they are very WORTHWHILE CLINICS.

Sincerely,
Helen M. Frye
221 Forrest Dr.
Elkview, WV 25071

Helen M. Frye

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WV Board of Pharmacies
Attn: David Potters
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Senate Bill 722

Dear Mr. Potters,

The Northern Panhandle is gifted with Wheeling Health Right. Those individuals ineligible for entitlements receive a much needed array of services with this fine organization. The community supports its fundraising projects; the professionals in the health field give selflessly of their time; the recipients of their service credit them for their well being and in many cases survival.

I realize standards are essential to ensure the public's welfare and safety. It seems though the very standards promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy will unintentionally undo the work of the free clinics and put people in harms way.

I have to believe our legislators did not want that. I urge you defer implementation of these rules until all affected parties, yourself, the free clinics and the recipients meet with our Legislators and resolve this issue.

We do not live in a country that provides universal health care. We do live in a county where the wealthy and working poor are growing distant from each others reach. No agenda, political or financial can release us from compassionately extending help to our fellow citizens in need.

Sincerely,

Melynda Sampson

Melynda Sampson
Case Worker
Information Help Line
United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley

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August 26, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

I have been a patient at West Virginia Health Right for several years. I do not have any medical insurance and certainly cannot afford to pay for private health care. If it wasn't for West Virginia Health Right, I would not have had medical care or prescription medicine.

It is my understanding that your board is considering rules that would prohibit free clinics, such as Health Right, from dispensing prescription medications. I ask that your board reconsider.

I have diabetes, along with other health issues, and receive my medicine through Health Right. My insulin would cost approximately $410.00 for a two-month supply. There is absolutely no way that I could afford my insulin without their help. I did check on the Walmart web site and while they do offer some medicines, insulin is not one of them. There would also be the hardship of traveling to a separate location to get my medicine.

I know from speaking with other Health Right patients that they depend on West Virginia Health Right for their medicines.

I have always received professional and courteous service from the clinic and pharmacy staff. They are providing much needed care and services to those in need. Please consider those West Virginians who use the free clinics.

I ask that your board reconsider this rule change and work with the clinics.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Elliott

Deborah A. Elliott
P. O. Box 159
Gauley Bridge, WV 25085

cc: West Virginia Health Right
1520 Washington Street
Charleston, WV 25301

David Porters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

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Dear Mr. Porters:

The North Central WV Coalition for the Homeless has as its project a dayroom for homeless, disadvantaged, and street people here in Clarksburg, and I am the supervisor. Staffed by volunteers, we are open daily, serve breakfast, and provide a safe, warm room (in winter) and an air-conditioned room (in summer), a bathroom, and toiletries, coats, blankets, sleeping bags, and numerous other needs of our guests. Some of them are on Medicaid and have medical cards; many others do not. The ones who have no access to health care rely on Health Access, a local free clinic. At our recent meeting of United Way agencies, the director of Health Access told us of the looming disaster they face. As a result of legislation recently, the agency would be required to pay a pharmacist to approve dispensation of medications. This would put them out of business. They distribute no controlled substances, but the help they give is critical. This seems to be a problem for other charitable agencies in the state.

On behalf of the needy people we serve, I ask the Board of Pharmacy to propose some changes that would allow the charity clinics in WV to continue to operate, to dispense medications, and to keep people from crowding emergency rooms and taking up hospital beds, which cost all of us dearly. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely

Helen E. Jones

Helen E. Jones, Supervisor
THE OPEN DOOR, NC WV Coalition for the Homeless
P. O. Box 2022
Clarksburg, WV 26301

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Carol

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From: "Carol" <deerdoghouse4@verizon.net>
To: "MICHELLE S" <TAXIMOM32001@YAHOO.COM>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 5:30 PM
Subject: FREE CLINICS

I AM A PATIENT AT A FREE CLINIC AND WITHOUT THIS SERVICE I WOULD HAVE NO HEALTH CARE, I HAVE DIABETES, THREE LEAKING HEART VALVES, HYPOTHYROIDISM, CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME, A BAKERS CYST, TRIGIMINAL NEURALGIA, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY,ARTHRITIS, SEVERE ALLERGIES, HIGH CHOLESTEROL,AMONG THE LITTLE THINGS THAT DO POP UP, I LIVE ON A DISABITY CHECK AND THERE IS O WAY WHATSOEVER THAT I CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR ANY TYPE OF INSURANCE AS THAT WOULD TAKE ALL OF MY MONIES MONTHLY FOR THE PREMIUMS THEN I WOULD HAVE THE CO PAYS ON TOP OF THIS AND THEN I NEED SEVERAL MAJOR TESTS DONE AND WHEN I NEED THESE, THE FREE CLINIC CAN GET ME THE TESTING DONE IN COOPERATION WITH THE TWO LOCAL HOSPITALS, I HAVE TO DO URINE TESTING ONCE A YEAR AND OF COURSE ALL THE BLOOD WORK THAT IS REQUIRED TO KEEP ON TOP OF MY PROBLEMS AND THE WAY THE MEDICINE IS AFFECTING MY BODY, I ALSO GET MY PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED BY MY FREE CLINIC AND I WOULD HAVE TO SPEND OVER A THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH OR MORE TO COVER THE COST OF JUST THE PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES I TAKE, AND HOW WOULD I PAY FOR THESE ON TOP OF PAYING THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS YOU WANT US TO PAY., IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE SCENARIO THAT YOU ARE PROPOSING TO CLOSE THE ONLY HEALTH CARE I HAVE WHERE I RECEIVE EXCELLENT CARE AND I DO MEAN EXCELLENT CARE. THEY HAVE VERY QUALIFIED DOCTORS TREATING THE PATIENTS AND THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED. SO THEY FULFILL THIS NEED THE COMMUNITY NEEDS THE FREE CLINIC FOR THOSE UNABLE TO AFFORD HEALTH CARE IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER. THEY SLIDING SCALE CLINICS CANNOT EVEN DO THIS AS THEIR SLIDING SCALES ARE THE SAME PRICES YOU WOULD PAY ELSEWHERE, AS YES I USE TO BE TREATED BY ONE OF THESE AND HAD TO LEAVE AS I COULD NOT AFFORD OVER 100 DOLLARS FOR OFFICE VISIT AND BLOOD WORK. AND ALL THEY CAN PROVIDE IS BLOOD WORK., NO OTHER TESTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THIS PLAN. EITHER. SO WHAT IS A PERSON TO DO IF THE NEED A CT SCAN WHY GO WITHOUT AS YOU CANNOT AFFORD IT THERE. BUT WITH THE FREE CLINIC I HAD A CT SCAN DONE AND IT COST ME NOTHING I ALSO HAD TO HAVE AN ECHO CARDIAGRAM DONE, THIS WAS ALSO FREE TO ME THROUGH THE FREE CLINIC, THE ULTRASOUND ON MY BAKERS CYST WAS FREE TO ME ON MY BAKERS CYST, ALL XRAYS I HAVE NEEDED HAVE BEEN DONE FREE THROUGH THE FREE CLINIC. SO THEY ARE NEEDED AND YOU NEED TO DO AWAY WITH THIS IDEA OF GETTING THEM CLOSED. IF YOU CLOSE THEM THEN YOU ARE IN EFFECT GOING TO BE KILLING PEOPLE, AND I WILL BE ONE OF THEM AS I WILL HAVE NO HEALTH CARE WHATSOEVER, AND NO MEDICINES TO TREAT MY MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF WHICH THERE ARE MANY AND MANY OF THEM ARE LIFE THREATENING WITHOUT THE MEDS THEY EVEN ARE LIFE THREATENING WITH THE MEDS THAT IS WHY I NEED MEDICAL HELP. AND IF YOU CLOSE MY CLINIC I WILL HAVE NO MEDICAL HELP AT ALL. SO THEN WILL YOU PAY FOR MY FUNERAL? I DOUBT IT. EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD BE YOUR FAULT ENTIRELY. LEAVE THE FREE CLINIC SYSTEM ALONE. PEOPLE NEED THIS SERVICE THAT IS WHY IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE FIRST PLACE FOR THE NEEDY WHO CANNOT AFFORD ANY OF THE MEDICAL INSURANCES OUT THERE AS THE PREMIUMS ARE EXORBINANT AND THEY DO NOT COVER PRE EXISTING CONDITIONS. OH WELL THAT WOULD BE AN EVEN WORSE CASE FOR ME. I NEED MY FREE CLINIC AND PHARMACY SO LEAVE THE SYSTEM ALONE AND ADDRESS SOMETHNG THAT NEEDS ADDRESSED INSTEAD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
CAROL ALDERMAN

BJ Knoth

From: "Linda Gunnoe" <LGunnoe@hotmail.com>
To: <dpotters@wvbop.com>; <bjpayne@wvbop.com>; <bknoth@wvbop.com>; <bselby@wvbop.com>; <tgerkin@wvbop.com>; <ivanmeter@wvbop.com>; <awinters@wvbop.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 10:12 AM
Subject: Rule concerning free clinics

Please do not force the free clinics in WV to have a full-time pharmacist. I understand that you are wanting quality control over the medications dispensed by the free clinics...but in the two plus years I've been a patient at Beckley Healthright, I've never experienced a problem with my medications and according to an editorial in The Register Herald today, there have been no lawsuits or complaints of negligence in the 25 years of the free clinics' operation. So why try to fix something that isn't broke?

My potentially life-saving medications would cost somewhere between $375 - $475 a month if I were to have to get them at a retail pharmacy. Although I work full-time, I bring home less that $1000 a month. There is simply no way I could afford to buy my medications at a retail pharmacy. I would simply have to quit taking them. If this rule goes into effect...you are costing the lives of many West Virginians!

These clinics simply cannot afford to hire a full-time pharmacist. Can you guarantee enough VOLUNTEER pharmacists to staff these clinics? I don't think so seeing as how there is one local retail pharmacy that can't seem to keep a paid pharmacist.

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!!!

L. C. Gunnoe
104 Ridge Avenue
Beckley, WV 25801
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August 24, 2008

Erin L. Jones
425 Parkway Avenue
Bluefield, WV
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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am a nursing student studying to retrieve my Registered Nursing License at Bluefield State College. I am inquiring about the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to execute Senate Bill 722. I am also from southern West Virginia and feel that people in this area would suffer immensely if this bill was carried out. Mercer Health Right is a free clinic for the uninsured, low income citizens of southern West Virginia. It has provided free medications and care for these individuals for the past eighteen years. These patients that attend Mercer Health Right are barely making it in life with the own worries of making ends meet as far as providing the essentials for their family, such as food, clothing, and shelter. Should they have the additional worry of not being able to provide adequate healthcare to their family because they cannot afford insurance? There are not enough jobs in this area that pay more than minimum wage; therefore there are not enough families in this area that have insurance that will cover the health costs for themselves or their families.

As West Virginians, we are always getting put down by people from other states and even other areas of this state on how the (southern) West Virginians are the "poorest people" and the "fattest people" in the country. That is because most people in southern West Virginia do not have the jobs to afford proper nutritious foods, nor the money to receive adequate health care attention. Around the nation politicians and other organizations are voicing the concern of the American people to lower hospital costs, help the uninsured, and provide health care to those in need. Well, since West Virginia is among the "poorest" people in the country, I would assume that these concerns if implemented would be essential for this state. Yet, our Board of Pharmacy is willing to reverse these overall needs of the citizens of West Virginia.

I have worked for Energy Express in Mercer County. This program is to provide children in the area with continuous education during the summer that need help in reading and writing. Although that is what the program is designated for, many children come to the program which provides not only teaching, but also food for the children five days a week for ten weeks in the summer. Some of these children, otherwise, would not get fed during the summer because their families are too poor to provide them with food. The schools are their only hope when it comes to this essential for the children. I have never been more heartbroken than I was seeing those kids leave Energy Express with the left over food from breakfast or lunch to bring home to their mothers, fathers, brothers, or sisters. You see, if these families cannot provide food for their families, how are they to provide healthcare? Mercer Health Right and other free clinics like this are the only hope for these families. Not being able to afford living in West Virginia forces the people of this beautiful state to leave and go elsewhere.

If this bill were to be passed, I see West Virginia's higher educated people leaving this state because there would not be any jobs of their requirements remaining. Eventually these 5,000+ patients that go to Mercer Health Right would have to go to the local hospitals for care. They would not be able to afford their medical bills, nor their medications, hence causing a domino effect. The patients would get sicker, return to the hospital, not be able to pay their bills, and eventually the hospitals would suffer because they would not be receiving money to continue operating. This would then lead to doctors and

nurses leaving this area because they would have no need to stay in this part of the state without a job. This, in turn, affects every single nurse, upcoming nurse, or other health care providers of West Virginia. My mother is a nurse, my uncle is a doctor, and my sister is in medical school at WVU, yet what job would be available for us as health care providers in this state if our patients cannot afford their care? I hope that this bill will be reconsidered for all the people of southern West Virginia.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my personal concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

Erin L. Jones

Erin L. Jones
BSC Nursing Student

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3002 Brierwood Road
Culloden, WV 25510
(304)743-9519
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

To The Board of Pharmacy,

I'm writing to you to ask that you reconsider your proposal to require a pharmacist or pharmacy tech to be present when prescriptions are dispensed at free health clinics. Since this could cost the clinics unaffordable expenses, it doesn't seem fair to impose this policy. Although I am not one, there are many people in our state that depend on these clinics. I am blessed to have health insurance. However, a few years ago my husband's employer of 20 years relieved him of his responsibilities. It was sudden and unexpected, and we had COBRA insurance for several months. It was very expensive, but we survived. This same scenario is happening daily when families suddenly find themselves without employment. Our economy is not good, and it is of the utmost importance to keep medical help available especially at a time like this. So many people are struggling with jobs that pay the minimum wage and don't provide health insurance. Many elderly people in our state are likely losing sleep due to this proposal, and they deserve better. For many of them, the daily demands of life are difficult enough without this added burden. It is my understanding that no complaints from regulators have been received about the free medications. Since this system is working well, please don't impose this unnecessary change that will affect so many needy West Virginians.

Sincerely,

Judy Lindsay

Judy Lindsay

August 23, 2008

Joseph D. Peake
1515 Bluefield Avenue
Apt. #3
Bluefield, WV 24701

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

This letter is to voice my opposition of the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to actuate Senate Bill 722. Many people in this area are of poor socioeconomic status and are medically uninsured. Mercer Health Right has been providing free primary care to the area for almost two decades, helping people who are less fortunate have a healthier and happier life. The new Board of Pharmacy rules are stripping these people of their health, their happiness, and their life! As a student nurse at Bluefield State College, I cannot stand and watch this happen without my voice being heard!

As you know, the U.S. economic decline has put a huge stumbling block in many American's lives. Many of these stumbling blocks include rising fuel costs, higher food prices, higher mortgage rates, and increasing health costs. This is putting America in a great financial bind. Many people have to choose to pay for medication or to pay for food. This is all very true in West Virginia, and Senate Bill 722 is just another stumbling block that the Board of Pharmacy is throwing in these people's way! These rules need to be changed or our economy will continue to take a nose dive. Many of the free clinics will have to close because of these new rules and a chain reaction will occur. If the poor can no longer obtain free primary health care, then they will begin flooding into the emergency rooms and not be able to pay their bill for the health care they received. This will eventually lead to higher health costs, lower paying jobs for hospital employees, and may even cause jobs to be lost. When looking at these possibilities, it makes my future as a registered nurse look grim. I am asking you, the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, to change these rules and keep these situations from ever occurring!

Many people in this area are in dire need of the free health care offered to them by Mercer Health Right. If these rules stay unchanged, Mercer Health Right will have to close their doors and the health of the people who use their services will deteriorate and may even lead to death. This is not only true for Mercer Health Right, but also to other free clinics in the state of West Virginia. The rules of Senate Bill 722 need an alteration, so that people who cannot afford medications and other health services offered by free clinics can live better, healthier lives!

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Peake

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Board of Pharmacy
MR. DAVID POTTERS
232 CAPITOL ST
CHARLESTON, WV 25301

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DEAR MR. POTTERS:

PLEASE DO NOT REQUIRE FREE CLINICS TO HIRE PHARMACISTS. IF THE BOARD OF PHARMACY IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE WORKING POOR, THEN PROVIDE VOLUNTEER PHARMACISTS AT NO COST, OTHERWISE LEAVE THE FREE CLINICS ALONE TO CONTINUE SERVING THE WORKING POOR.

SINCERELY
ANN REHMAN
18 BEAVER DR
HUNTINGTON, WV 25526
PHONE # 421-8124

To whom it may concern

My name is Marjorie pate & live in the st albans area. My reason for writting you is because im concerned about what people are talking about the changes in the pharmacys.

I have no insurance and & can't get medicade either. So ive been going to health rite for many years. These people help me out so very much with my medicines. & do take alot of them. & don't feel its right to change them. This would make it hard for me and others who need them as well.

I would shutter at the thought if I was to lose my only means of getting my mediciens. Thank you.

My E Mail - Grouchy1951@Hotmail.com

Marjorie pate
650 6th St apt 204
St albans W.V. 25177

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I Donna Foran agree that you may publish this letter.

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Donna Foran
RR4 Box 186
Bluefield WVa 24701

phone (304) 589-5441

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To Whom it may concern,

Mercer Health Right has save my life, No insurance No money coming in at all, was trying to get disabbily I had 5 Stent on close attery. I had Lots medicine to take, NO WAY of getting the medicine i needed thank God for Mercer Heath Right, the List of medicine they gave me Metoprolol, Lovastatin, Plavix, Hydrochlor'z citalopram, Nitrostat, Frdur, Amitriptylin Requip.

ONE would help me with a Medicad card. Mercer Health Right SAVE my life, thank God for them and my family, thanks them so much. I will pray for them to stay open. there are so menny people need there help with medications the Free Clinic is a blessing for God to meny people. Again Please dont close the Pharmacy, there no way i can write or say the meaning for the medication they gave me, NOW i can be with my family, grandsons and friends

thant you so much
God Bless you all
Donna Foran

Shirley Thompson

Please do not take the
Rights from WV Health
Right to give out medicine.
We recived meds from them
for 7 years befor we
got the prescription
drug program. We would
have to use most of our
savings.

Shirley Thompson

Shirley Thompson
33 Fox Chase Rd.
Alum Creek, WV 25003

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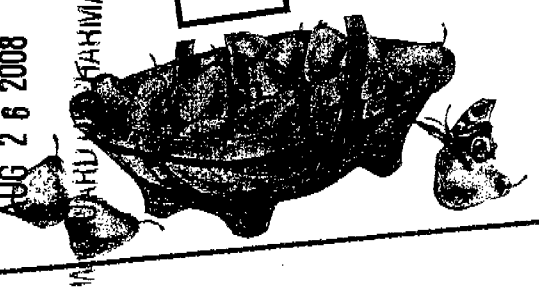
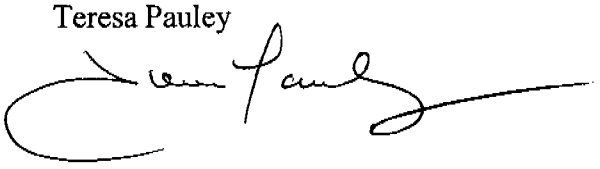


In response to the recent action from the Pharmaceutical association to stop free clinics, such as Health Right, from dispersing drugs without a full time licensed pharmacist. I truly hope our Governor and legislature do the right thing and say absolutely no!
It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see what is behind this. MONEY. Their statement that the uninsured should have the same quality of service as the insured rings very hollow to me. My response to this is, what world do these people live in, the only place where the uninsured are treated at all, is through places like Health Right. Twice I have experienced very dangerous mistakes that "licensed pharmacist", at one of the major chain drug stores have made. If the Pharmaceutical association is truly only concerned about the welfare of the uninsured, why don't they organize their members to volunteer their time at Health Right and other free clinics like the doctors and dentist do. Personally I thank God for Health Right, I have been going there for several years and never in my life have I been treated with more professional care , compassion, and concern, they perform medical care as it should be done, for welfare of the patient, not for the bottom line. All West Virginians should be concerned about this, the uninsured and the insured, because believe me, many of you could only be one paycheck away from being among the uninsured. Does the Governor and Legislature realize how many millions of dollars places like Health Right save the taxpayers, because without the medicines and health care places like this provide, many of the working uninsured would be forced to go onto welfare. Many minor medical problems would turn into major medical co[illegible]nd death.

Teresa Pauley



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David Potters
WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:

The West Virginia Health Right Clinics and other free clinics are critical for the medically uninsured citizens in West Virginia. To regulate them out of existence by imposing unreasonable rules is tantamount to saying our citizens do not have a right to the most basic life saving treatment for controllable medical conditions.

My sister could not survive without the help of the Charleston West Virginia Health Right Clinic. She has multiple serious medical conditions requiring expensive medications she cannot afford.

I understand the rule will not allow physicians to distribute medication nor even drug samples. Does this also apply to private practicing physicians?

I urge you not to further complicate or shorten the lives of the uninsured, working poor, and temporarily unemployed. Compromising the health of these recipients will ultimately result in higher health care costs as their medical conditions deteriorate. Again, these citizens must be protected.

Sincerely,

Patricia McFann

271 Mercer Springs Rd
Princeton WV 24740

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August 20, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston WV 25301

Gentlemen:

We are writing in protest of Senate Bill 722 that was passed by the Legislature requiring the Board of Pharmacy to set up rules for free clinics in West Virginia.

While we are not patients of "Mercer Health Right" and are lucky to have good insurance, there are thousands of West Virginians that do not have health insurance and depend on free clinics for their medications.

With the still high price of gas, groceries and medications, many people simply can't afford to go to emergency rooms for treatment and prescriptions that have to be filled at a regular pharmacy.

When it comes to food or medications, most people will choose the food and forgo medications that they need. For come patients it could mean shorter lives.

The free clinics are on a tight budget and if they have to hire a pharmacist $100,000 per year it does not leave them with enough capitol to run the much needed free clinics.

We urge you to take in consideration the people that depend on the "Free Clinics" for their medications.

Yours sincerely,

Howard Albert

Ruth Albert

August 24, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The rules proposed in Senate Bill 722 have been brought to my attention, and this bill greatly concerns me. It concerns me as a citizen of Mercer County, a registered voter, and a future RN. This bill would effectively make it impossible for rural free health clinics to operate effectively and provide needed services to the community.

Mercer Health Right is the free clinic in my community. Their annual budget is about two hundred thousand dollars. According to Senate Bill 722, Mercer Health Right would have to employ a pharmacist to check prescriptions given to patients. A pharmacist costs roughly one hundred thousand dollars a year. This would effectively close this free clinic.

Many people who cannot afford insurance go to the free clinic for primary, non-emergent health care. If this free clinic cannot operate as they are currently, the patients would have to go somewhere else for care. Many of them would end up going to the emergency department of the local hospitals. By going to the emergency department, these non-emergent cases would further congest the emergency rooms and delay care for those who do need the emergency services. Furthermore, by going to the emergency room, these non-insured patients would have a bill of approximately five hundred dollars or more instead of the five to ten dollar bill they would receive from free clinics such as Mercer Health Right. When people have a hospital bill like this, they have to choose between it and the basic necessities of life. The hospitals would somehow have to recoup their monetary losses which would most likely be loss of jobs and lower salaries for highly trained nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals.

My concern is that Senate Bill 722 would do more damage to the health care industry in West Virginia than good. Nurse Practitioners and trained staff do a wonderful job at Mercer Health Right in providing quality care and safe medical treatment to those in our community who need it most but may not be able to afford an expensive visit to the doctor. Without the services provided by free clinics, many people wouldn't even go to the doctor. These people would forgo their health care because of the cost.

Please consider this bill very carefully and really think about what it would do to the health care system in southern West Virginia where people need these clinics the most. Let the Nurse Practitioners and staff of these free clinics continue to do their jobs in the way they are currently doing them. They do a wonderful job for our communities in keeping us happy and healthy, and their commitment should be commended.

Sincerely,

Leah Coleman

Leah Coleman

Date: 8/19/08

From: Samantha A. Johnson
Bluefieldstate College
Nursing Student

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am responding to the new Senate Bill 722 proposed by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy. Being from Southern West Virginia where there is a large amount of low income families who are not provided health insurance through there employers who rely on our free clinics, I and opposed to bill 722.

A major part of health care today is providing the best possible care needed by a patient with minimal costs. With the free clinics limited budget, having to hire a pharmacist will force the clinics to have shut down. If bill 722 passes more and more people will be forced to go through the emergency room for their health care needs and with poverty levels more people are going to be left with hospital bills that they are unable to pay. Hospitals and staff are going to be flooded with patients and costs in the hospital setting are going to skyrocket.

One of the privileges of our free clinics is that families that would otherwise be unable to afford doctor's visits and prescription medications have the same right to health care that of an insured person. If this bill goes into effect people who depend on these life saving medications will be forced to go without health care and medications. More and more patients will not seek treatment for an acute illness and as a result more patients will be admitted to hospitals for more severe conditions that if treated sooner would have been less costly and life threatening.

Our free clinic is highly depended on by patients in our community. Bill 722 wants to take away our right to health care and medications. As a college student without health insurance I rely heavily on the free clinic for prescription medications and care who otherwise I would go without treatment. Not only me but a GREAT deal of people throughout the community will be severely affected by this bill. Knowing that it is almost impossible to find the funding to pay for a pharmacist or find volunteer pharmacists for the salary needed THESE RULES NEED TO BE CHANGED!

Thank you for your time and consideration concerning this topic.

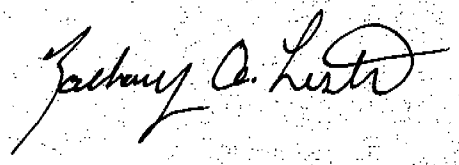
Sincerely,

Samantha A. Johnson

(.) I agree you may publish this letter

If Senate Bill 722 is passed, many patients will endure hardships like they have never encountered. If a free clinic is not able to provide a pharmacist or doctor so that patients are able to receive those medications many will become sicker and produce an increased strain on the states already fragile healthcare system. Many patients now have to decide whether to eat or seek medical assistance, this new bill would cut one of the last lifelines these patients have. The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy and the state senate is a governing body for the citizens of West Virginia. As a governing body I not only implore but demand that you do what is right for the people because you were elected or appointed by the people.

Sincerely,



Zachary Alan Lester

Date: 08/20/08

From: Verna Raines

PO BX 1152

Hinton, WV 25951

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

This letter is in response to the impending rules established by the WV Board of Pharmacy in implementing Senate Bill 722. In the past the Health Right Clinics have provided free primary care and medications to the uninsured low income people of Southern WV. The people who use these clinics are of need of medical care with the caring response from these providers despite their inability to pay or access to health insurance. Income in the home is generally minimum wage and not enough to suffice health coverage.

This Bill would affect the status of thousands who use this system and would have a major impact the health needs of these patients. To continue to provide adequate services, we need to continue people of WV (the working poor and the uninsured) with the care they deserve and our determination to keep these clinics and the services they provide ALIVE.

I ask that you consider the effect that this bill would have on the people who need our help. This would affect how medications are dispensed, meaning a pharmacist on site and that is just unrealistic. We need the Doctors, Dentists, and other clinicians onsite to provide medications in the charitable clinics.

Our communities need these clinics and count themselves blessed to have them. Their lives and health would be greatly affected in a very negative way. The people speak out with heavy hearts, please take consideration on them in your decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Verna Raines

Christina Powell
816 Park Ave.
Princeton, WV 24740
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy:

I am writing in regards to Senate Bill 722 in which the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy has proposed that all free clinics must staff a pharmacist in order to dispense medications. As a resident of Mercer County and the state of West Virginia, I must express deep concern that if the bill were to pass, this county would lose an essential part of its healthcare system. I feel if enacted, this bill will create an undue hardship not only on needy patients but our community as a whole.

Mercer Health Right has served this community's indigent and uninsured population for 18 years. The services which these patients receive at the clinic are both essential and indispensable. Many people depend on the clinic not only for health maintenance and prevention but also acute conditions. Not only are people seen and treated by practitioners there, but the uninsured are also able to get much needed prescriptions filled. Due to budget restraints, this bill could quite possibly result in Mercer Health Right having to shut its doors. In a country where some people have to decide between paying for medication and buying food, it seems unfair to strip this community as well as others of this option.

In addition, if the free clinics were to close, the thousands of patients seen yearly for acute conditions would have to be treated in local emergency rooms. Recently, there have been both national and local reports addressing the issue of overcrowding in Emergency Rooms which results in longer waiting times to see mid-levels and doctors. Being in the healthcare field, I have personally witnessed emergency rooms which are so full that seriously ill patients wait up to an hour before being seen by a doctor. It is also common for admitted patients to be held in the ER because there are no empty beds on the floors or patients being discharged too soon in order to make room for others then having to return to the ER and be readmitted for the same illness a short time later. Adding more patients to that problem is without a doubt not a solution. More patients certainly does not ensure more staff, especially considering the fact that doctors are leaving this state and the decline in registered nurses expected in the coming years. Moreover, this issue revolves around indigent and uninsured citizens who cannot

afford to pay hospital bills. Granted, hospitals offer charity programs in which low income people can qualify for assistance paying their bills but the amount allocated by the hospitals for such programs would surely fall short of the amount needed. In the long run, to offset the lost revenue, hospitals would likely increase fees for services which in turn would increase insurance premiums.

On a personal note, although at this time I am a healthy young woman that could change at any time and I am uninsured. I am a full time student therefore I am only working part time which makes me ineligible for insurance. It is a comfort knowing that options such as Mercer Health Right exist if I were to need healthcare. Likewise, it is a comfort for the thousands of people who already depend on it on a regular basis. I strongly urge you to consider this before you make a decision concerning Senate Bill 722. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina Powell

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August 20, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

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Re: Senate Bill 722

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding Senate Bill 722 which requires all charitable clinic pharmacies to have a licensed pharmacist on staff in order to dispense medications to patients. I am writing this letter as a nursing student who is concerned about our health care system, as a college student who currently does not have health insurance, as a nurse intern in a hospital emergency department, and foremost as a concerned citizen who lives beside of and sees the people that this will impact everyday. The cost of this bill, both financially and from a human standpoint, is too great a burden for our citizens to bear. I am asking that this legislation be reconsidered.

Charity clinics throughout our region provide health care and medication to people who otherwise would not be able to receive such care due to the overwhelming costs. These clinics experience financial difficulty daily in order to continue operation. With Senate Bill 722 in effect, nearly half of the clinics' annual budgets would need to be spent to hire pharmacists in order to continue to provide the free medications these patients require for survival. Many of these facilities will be forced to close their doors to the poor, the elderly, and the sick.

Patients who do not receive these medications will experience deterioration of health and eventually flood the emergency departments of hospitals with conditions that could have been prevented or limited by simple maintenance drugs. This will result in poorer overall community health, expensive overuse of hospitals' indigent patient plans, and will eventually lead to an overall rise in the cost of healthcare to "take up the slack" of the added expense.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carole K Cox

Carole K. Cox

August 21, 2008

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

To Whom It May Concern:

I am responding to the projected rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. For many years Mercer Health has provided free primary medical care and medications to many low income and uninsured people of southern West Virginia. In most cases, these patients make minimum wage and do not have access to health insurance. So, anyone could see why they seek out free quality medical care and prescriptions.

As you can see, many West Virginians depend on these free clinics that are now at risk with these proposed rules. I thought the objective was to help the uninsured working poor! These new rules developed by the Board of Pharmacy do the exact opposite. If these rules go into effect, the free clinics may have to close their doors; therefore, sending the uninsured patients to the costly emergency room in which they can't afford.

The Board's definition of charitable clinic pharmacy is very expansive and includes these non-profit organizations like Mercer Health Right. These non-profit organizations must have an onsite pharmacist to dispense medications or stop providing free medications. This proposal needs a closer look and the rules need to be changed.

Our community counts on these free clinics for quality health care. I personally go to Mercer Health Right. As a student paying my way through college, I don't have insurance and I rely on this free medical care provided. It is hard enough to make it financially now as it is, without adding costly hospital bills and pricey prescriptions. Not only is this a problem for us, it is a problem for the whole state. If the uninsured poor do go to the emergency room, who is going to pay the costly hospital bill if it cannot be paid by the patient? I urge you to consider the whole picture before making a permanent decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Harris

Amanda Harris
Bluefield State College Nursing Student
Mercer Health Right Patient

WV Board of Pharmacy

Bluefield, WV 24701

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232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Sir or Madam:

Hello, my name is Edmond Smith, and I am a second year nursing student at Bluefield State College. I, a person of healthcare who knows how expensive health costs can be and would like to the proposed rules established by the WV Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. Health care clinics in our area are vitally important. Mercer Health Right has provided free primary care and medications to uninsured low income people of Southern West Virginia for many years now. Most patients who go to the clinic are very ill and need immediate medical care. Many people in the area are of low income and maybe one of the people in the household make minimum wage and have no access to health insurance.

Health clinics such as Mercer Health Right are the backbone for many patients who are recently under attack, and their health care status is in serious jeopardy. Many politicians and organizations are planning strategies on ways to help the uninsured, reduce hospital costs and provide accessible health care to our growing number of uninsured working poor. Now in WV, the new Board of Pharmacy rules are contradictory.

The Board's definition of charitable clinic pharmacy is very broad and includes non-profit dispensing medication free of charge. The Board has written proposed rules that would require every charitable clinic pharmacy in WV to have a pharmacist on site or stop providing free medications to patients who would otherwise go without life-sustaining pharmaceuticals. The Board's rules even prohibit doctors, dentists, and other clinicians from dispensing medicines to patients if they are working at a charitable clinic. I feel that there needs to be a change.

The proposed new pharmacy rules will stop the free clinics from providing medications to uninsured patients. The rules demand a pharmacist to be on staff to dispense all medications. There are NO volunteer pharmacists to fulfill the 32 hr/week needed and to hire a pharmacist will cost $100,000, and Mercer Health Rights' present budget is $ 260,000/year.

Our community counts itself extremely lucky to have free clinic options. Now the very heart of this program, free medications for the patients is being challenged. I know of many patients whose health situation is under a dramatic decline by the loss of these programs. The human toll this bill exacts is enormous. Additionally there is the cost shift to our not for profit hospitals and health insurance plans for the increased level of care for these patients in emergency departments and unit care. Our community needs your help, and find it almost impossible to provide either volunteer pharmacists or the funding for a paid pharmacist as required in the new rules.

Sincerely,

Edmond D Smith Jr.

Edmond D. Smith Jr.
BSC Nursing Student

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing to you today concerning Senate Bill 722. In Southern West Virginia there are many people who have a low income and are uninsured. For this reason we have clinics, like that of Mercer Health Right, that deliver free primary care and medications. The patients who visit these clinics are in serious need of help. Could you imagine having to decide between buying groceries for this week or getting your prescriptions filled? That is what these patients experience everyday, but fortunately there are these free clinics to make it possible for dinner to be on the table AND to have what could be a life saving medicine.

Senate Bill 722 wants to make a rule for free clinics to be required to have a pharmacist on board. These clinics have limited budgets to help their patients. With these new rules it could decrease their budgets by half, not leaving enough to care for the people in the community who need it most. I myself am a working uninsured nursing student who uses these services to get the medicines and primary care that I need but cannot afford. Not only do I need these services, I DESERVE them!

If there is one thing in nursing school that I have learned, it is that I am the patient's advocate. I am their last line of defense when no one else will or wants to help them. It is my job to stand up for the people in the community who cannot stand up for themselves. So this is why I'm writing you this letter, not only to help my family, loved ones, and myself, but also to help all of the deserving people in Southern West Virginia. Please understand how greatly this will affect our community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Krystle Jones

Krystle J Jones
Bluefield State Nursing Student
Treasurer of the Student Nurses Association
Concerned Citizen

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From: Susan Dillon
Bluefield State College of Nursing
Route 5 Box 120
Bluefield, WV, 24701

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am responding to the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate bill 722. Mercer Health Right is just one of the many free clinics across this state that provides free medical services to uninsured low income families. The patients who are sent to Mercer Health Right are often extremely ill and are in desperate need of quality medical care. The staff members at Mercer Health Right are kind and hard working people who give there time and patience in order to make our community a better place.

As a college student, Mercer Health Right personally helped me in my time of need. Although I have insurance, I was in need of medical attention and the staff at Mercer Health Right helped me when I was ill. I had strep throat and a gastrointestinal virus at the same time, and the staff was quick to attend to me and help relieve my pain by prescribing some medicine for me. I am extremely thankful that our community has this resource available, if we did not, many people would be forced to go to the ER and wait several hours in order to be seen and helped.

If this Bill is implemented, thousands of people will be without there medicine because the money that should be given to help the sick would be given to pay the salary of the pharmacist who must be stationed at that clinic. The rules for Senate Bill 722 must be changed in order to give each and every citizen the right to good quality health care.

Our community counts itself lucky to have a free clinic like Mercer Health Right. The very heart of this clinic, which is providing free medications and free health services, is being jeopardized. Our community would be unable to budget for a full time pharmacist and still be able to afford to care for patients. So please reconsider Senate Bill 722, because not only does this affect Mercer Heath Right clinic, but it also affects all Free Health Clinics in West Virginia. As a resident of West Virginia for sixteen years, I believe that Senate Bill 722 needs to be reconsidered so that all clinics can be able to give free medications and care to the uninsured, low income families of West Virginia.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Susan Dillon

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Donna S. Hankla
219 Rock Street
Bluefield. WV 24701

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am a nurse. Daily, I see the need for clinics such as Mercer Health Right. This clinic provides much needed health services for the community. Most of the patients utilizing the clinic have no health insurance.

The recent political attempts to implement Senate Bill 722 need to be revised. This Bill is requiring every "charitable clinic pharmacy" in West Virginia to have a pharmacist on site. If the clinic cannot afford to staff a pharmacist, the consequences will be to STOP PROVIDING free medications to patients who are unable to purchase medications. Even doctors, dentists, and other professionals will not be allowed to dispense medications.

Many people in the community will suffer if this bill is passed. Also, local hospitals will suffer. The patients will turn to Emergency Rooms for urgent care that could have been prevented. The hospitals will have to absorb the costs of the uninsured.

The requirements of the bill are excessive. The limited ability to dispense medications will hinder health care.

I am asking the politicians to carefully review the bill. Review the facts and consequences.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Hankla

Kala Tomaszewski
706 Church Lane #5-9
Princeton, WV 24740

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I'm responding in proposal to recent rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. Mercer Health Right has provided free primary health care and medications to low income, uninsured residents in Southern West Virginia for the past 18 years. As a Licensed Practical Nurse practicing in Mercer County and a current 2nd year nursing student from Bluefield State College, I have seen *several* extremely ill and in desperate need for medical care. Mercer Health Right sees on average about 2,800 patients per year meeting the criteria to be seen there—no health insurance.

With elections around the corner, many politicians' propositions include finding ways to help out those without health insurance and those who work but remain suspended of the poverty level in West Virginia. Passing the bill would be a contradiction of the politician's word and if the bill passes, 60-70% of West Virginian's lives will be placed at risk. With that stated, that means over half of West Virginia's residents depend on the free clinics.

Placing an onsite pharmacist in Mercer Health Right would defeat the purpose of free dispensing of non-profit medications. This would give the current patients no choice but the cessation of their highly essential medications. Imagine yourselves choosing between food or your medications. In addition, the Bill would also prohibit highly educated and trained professionals from dispensing medications while working at the charitable clinics throughout the state.

I know the citizens of Mercer County greatly rely on the Mercer Health Right Clinic for their continuity of care. Because of the clinic, many are thankful for where they are at today. I'm asking that you seriously rethink think the idea of the Bill and consider others and their living situations. Thank you for your open ear and considerations.

Sincerely,

Kala Tomaszewski

August 25, 2008

Amanda Hardin
120 Stinson Road
Princeton WV, 24740

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to voice my concern and opinion in regards to Senate Bill 722. I see the importance of this bill, but I believe the risk outweighs the benefit. The need for this bill is understandable, preventing abuse, provide monitoring, and regulation of medication, but I believe the repercussions of this bill are too great for it to be passed. There are a huge percentage of people in Mercer County, the state, and this country who lack proper health insurance. As you know, healthcare is at the forefront of every aspect of life, whether it be the insured, or uninsured, and probably most noted, the 2008 presidential election. Limiting the roles of healthcare providers who practice in free clinics by restricting dispensing medication will have a substantial effect on the state's population and economy. Supporters of this bill may argue that such providers can maintain such practice by hiring a full time pharmacist. The cost of this pharmacist is $100,000 a year, the problem being the budgets of free clinics is limited. Specifically, Mercer Health Right has a budget of $260,000 per year. The cost of a full time pharmacist would be devastating to their budget and would severely limit the care the clinic provides.

I am writing from two different perspectives, that of a patient at Mercer County Health Right and also a Student Nurse at Bluefield State College. As a patient I receive medication to treat pre-hypertension and hypothyroidism. I have a low income, and am ineligible for other assistance because I do not have a medical disability, mental illness, or pregnancy/dependent children. I understand firsthand the importance of free clinics like Mercer Health Right. As a Nursing Student, I know the effects of untreated health conditions like hypertension, type 2 diabetes, and obesity have on our country. People diagnosed with these, and other conditions continue to grow with each passing day. But imagine just for a minute, the number of lives that would be put in danger by restricting access to medication.

I would like to request the Board of Pharmacy, and you to consider the actions of this senate bill. I urge you to think of the lives individually that will effected by this bill if it is passed. I thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hardin

Date: August 23, 2008

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From: Jennifer Mills

116 Hunting Hills Dr.

Beckley, WV 25801

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because I believe it will hurt the uninsured lower class citizens in Southern West Virginia. The underinsured and uninsured citizens of southern West Virginia depend heavily on these free clinics to dispends their medications, this new regulation will govern the clinics with to many restrictions in the dispensing of prescription medications, which means that our poorest citizens will not be able to afford or get the medication when they need it the most.

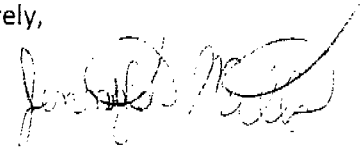
This bill will not only hurt the citizens that seek these free clinics for help on prescription medications but will also hurt those seeking medical care that cannot afford to go to the hospital or a doctor's office . Most people who seek medical help from the free clinics work minimum wage jobs and do not have access to medical insurance. The clients are usually very ill and need medical help as soon as possible at a rate they can afford.

The profession of Pharmacy is in high demand in our state, Pharmacist make $80,000+ a year in their profession, it would be almost impossible to find a volunteer pharmacist to work 32 hours per week. That means these free clinics would not be able to dispend medications to our citizens who need these free services. These rules need to be struck down.

This bill will cause more clients seeking medical attention at hospitals emergency rooms, causing higher cost for the hospitals and there's already a strain on the emergency departments. Emergency departments around the country are closing and having a hard time getting physicians to work because of the overwhelming demand of underinsured or uninsured people. Due to the already strained budgets of emergency departments across the state it will the detrimental to their budgets to see so many underinsured and uninsured people for non-medical emergency related problems. This will mean a higher number of people to flood our emergency rooms with routine medical problems (i.e. a child with a cold or a fever). They will be seeking medical help from the emergency department that a simple antibiotic could have taken care of quickly. Some people may choose to not seek medical help at the emergency department because it will be to expensive, which means they will hold off getting medical help until it is very late and they might have a very serious problem that could have been prevented if they had went to a clinic they could have afforded before their medical condition became to serious.

This new regulation will hurt only the person who need these services the most, who is our poor, uninsured, underinsured people of Southern West Virginia. I have great opposition to this new proposed regulation and in hopes that it will not be in acted.

Sincerely,



Date: 08/25/2008

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing in opposition of the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. Mercer Health Right is the only free clinic within Mercer County. This clinic provides primary care and medications to the uninsured low income people of southern West Virginia. I am greatly concerned that the drastic affect the proposed rules will have on my community is not fully understood.

As a nursing student, I have become fully aware of the financial strain associated with medical care. For many members of my community, Mercer Health Right provides the only form of medical care they receive. This is where they receive not only treatment from medical professionals, but all their medications. Without this facility many would go without. They do not have the financial resources or medical insurance to seek treatment elsewhere. I can't imagine how this lack of care and treatment would jeopardize their health.

Across our country, many politicians and organizations are discussing ways to help the uninsured, reduce hospital cost shifts, and provide quality accessible health care to our growing number of uninsured working poor. In West Virginia, the new Board of Pharmacy rules are proposing the exact opposite. Free clinics, such as Mercer Health Right, will not be able to afford a pharmacist on staff. This will inevitably lead to the closure of such facilities. Patients will either go without care or perhaps seek care from expensive Emergency Departments. They will then receive bills they cannot pay. This will place further financial strain on the areas already struggling hospitals.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy Pitzer

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Rt. 1 Box 349

Peterstown, WV 24963

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Betsy Kiser
N 71 Rock Road Box 237
Montcalm, WV. 24737

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am righting in response to the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722.

I am a registered voter and student nurse in the Bluefield State College Associate Degree-RN program. However, more importantly, I am a married woman with two children who have no medical insurance for my husband or me. We depend, like most uninsured low income families of Mercer County, West Virginia, on health clinics like Mercer Health Right for medical care. My husband is on worker's compensation from an accident incurred while on his full-time job and I work part-time at Bluefield State while a full-time nursing student. So, you can see we have not the means to acquire medical coverage for ourselves and rely on WVCHIPS to insure our two children.

As you may know, the clinics in the West Virginia counties are a lifeline of medical services to those not fortunate enough to have the income at their disposal for insurance. These clinics are the difference, many times, in these individuals being able to go back to work from a health set back. These clinics provide quality accessible health care to thousands of people that the Board of Pharmacy rules are preparing to halt.

The Board has written proposed rules that would require our free clinics statewide to have a pharmacist on staff or to stop providing free medication to patients who would otherwise have to go without life-sustaining medications. These patients rely solely on these clinics just to survive. Why would you but a limit or even a complete stop to such charitable clinics?

These rules need to be changed!

We as a community count ourselves lucky to have the free clinics providing services of this nature to families in need. I myself have, as well as my husband, benefited from these services. Now, you are prepared to have the very heart of these programs challenged. There are many people (I am sure many of whom are registered voters) whose health situation would be dramatically affected by the loss of these programs. The toll this bill is prepared to exact is too enormous not to be reconsidered.

Also, take into consideration the cost shift to the profit hospitals and health insurance plans for the increased level of care these patients in emergency departments and unit care.

Our community already provides significant amounts to these clinics to assist in their operation, and would mostly likely deem it impossible to provide volunteer pharmacists or to fund payment of a pharmacist as is required by these new rules.

Before setting into stone a novel idea that will wreak havoc on communities across the state, please look first at those that will be affected.

We have a voice and our voices together will count for something on Election Day.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Betsy Kiser

Betsy Kiser

I agree you may publish this letter.

Amanda Ryan Coleman
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Apartment A-11
Princeton, WV 24740

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August 25, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in response to an article that I recently read about Senate Bill 722. Let me begin by saying that I think the purpose behind this Bill is a noble one, however impractical. I would like to take a moment, if you please, to explain to you my concerns regarding this piece of legislation.

My primary concern, like yours, is for the people of our state. I live in Mercer County which, as I'm sure you know, is one of the poorest counties in this, one of the poorest states in the country. In this county, we have a very large population of medically underserved individuals and families. This includes a large number of people who make too much money to qualify for government assistance, and yet do not make enough money to purchase any kind of health insurance independently.

Thankfully, there are several free health clinics in our state that exist to serve these individuals. However, if Senate Bill 722 is approved, these free clinics will sustain a massive blow. Already operating on an embarrassingly small budget, the clinics do not have the funds needed to employee a full-time pharmacist or MD. That role has been filled by Nurse Practitioners for some time now. Requiring the employment of a pharmacist or MD would not only deplete the funds of these already struggling clinics, but would also limit the practice of Nurse Practitioners, negating the years of education they undertook to be able to write prescriptions for their patients.

As a result of Senate Bill 722, many of these much needed clinics may be forced to shut their doors...permanently. This would invariably lead to more visits to the emergency room, many of which could have been avoided. More ER visits means a longer wait time, many unnecessary tests, and an increased financial burden on those families who cannot afford the astronomical cost of healthcare without assistance. As a student nurse and uninsured resident of this beautiful state myself, I would be remiss if I did not at least try to convince you that this proposed piece of legislation may ultimately do more harm than good for our residents.

I ask that you please take a moment to reconsider the possible repercussions of this Bill and thank you in advance for your action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Amanda R. Coleman

Amanda R. Coleman
Student Representative,
Bluefield State College's
Student Nursing Association

Catherine Elizabeth Painter
801 Thornton Ave # 5
Princeton, WV 24740

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To Who It May Concern:

I am writing in response to proposed Senate Bill 722. As a student nurse, licensed pharmacist technician, and legal resident of West Virginia, I am greatly concerned about the negative effect this bill will have on my community in Mercer County and the state as a whole. I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns on this very important matter.

Although I believe the bill to be well intended, it does not seem probable, and the long term repercussions of putting this piece of legislation into action do not seem to have been of much consideration. One of the many health care providers in this state that would be affected by this bill is Mercer Health Right. The Mercer Health Right clinic provides health care for thousands of residents of Mercer County and the surrounding counties every year. These patients would not be able to afford adequate health care any other way.

Senate Bill 722 would cause severe financial strain and probable closure for Mercer Health Right clinic along with innumerable other clinics across West Virginia. The extra cost of employing a full time pharmacist or M.D. would be too much for their meager budgets to handle. Employing a pharmacist or M.D. is also impractical because these clinics already employ nurse practitioners who have the ability to care for patients and write them prescriptions. To put this bill into action would be to restrict our nurse practitioners' scope of practice, which they have earned the right to through their years of education. In response to the inevitable closings of many clinics, patients would have no choice but to visit emergency rooms for minor or major health problems. This in turn would cause longer wait times, higher staffing requirements, and compounding medical bills that would be impossible for patients to pay.

My community and our state already have far too many people unable to afford health insurance or proper health care. We should be searching for solutions to this troubling problem, not exacerbating it. I sincerely hope you will take into consideration the concerns I have expressed in this letter, and I thank you in advance for your action concerning the matter.

Sincerely,

Catherine E Painter

Catherine E. Painter
Student Nurse
Bluefield State College

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Date: August 24, 2008

From: Crystal Hitchens
150 Ideal Circle
Princeton, WV 24740

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing in response to the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. Mercer Health Right has been a very vital asset to my community for many years. I am an LPN who has had the opportunity to work with many patients who have used the resources that Mercer Health Right provides. I am also a full time student and single mother without health insurance who may need the clinics help at some time.

As an LPN in a clinic I have referred many patients to the services that Mercer Health Right provides. These patients have had the conditions of diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia. All of these conditions require on hand medical treatment, patient education, and medication therapy. Because my patients were of limited incomes and still not eligible for health insurance, Mercer Health Right was the answer to their prayers. I have personally seen instances in which my patients would go without the medicine they needed because it was a choice between paying for heat, or paying for medicine to help with their diabetes. These patients fight a losing battle when faced with that choice. If they do not take their medicine complications develop, a hospital stay occurs, and then they have another huge bill to try to pay. I wonder if any of you who are proposing this bill have ever had a loved one to have to take dialysis or have a foot amputated because of complications of diabetes. Have any of you had a loved one to fall ill with a stroke that could have been avoided by treatment of hypertension or hyperlipidemia? Mercer Health Right and other clinics like it are helping to stop this travesty. A lot of my patients are low income for a variety of reasons and Mercer Health Right is the only reason they have been able to manage their conditions and live reasonably full lives. At Mercer Health Right patients are seen by top notch medical personnel and they are given the medicines they need. As medical professionals our job is to provide the best care possible to those in need and the rules of this bill will stop the care that our clinics can give.

Mercer Health Right and other clinics like it are a blessing to my area. The quality of care they provide is what keeps a lot of my patients in an optimal state of health. If the rules of this bill are implemented it will devastate my community and we will see a huge decline of healthy people. If what Mercer Health Right has done for the last 18 years has worked why change it now?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

August 21, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Melissa Minnix
210 River Front St
Princeton, WV 24740

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I oppose the new rules for Senate Bill 722.

Recently my husband was laid off due to lack of work and we lost our health insurance. I am a full-time nursing student at Bluefield State College and I work 36 hours a week. With my salary and his unemployment, we cannot afford cobra or private insurance.

We are not alone. There are so many families in our State just like us. Thankfully, we were able to turn to our health care center for help. There, we were able to receive our health care and medications at a reduced rate. If this bill passes, we along with many other families may no longer have this option, making it impossible to receive the health care we need. Our clinics cannot afford to pay pharmacist to be on staff, forcing them to shut their doors.

When I graduate I would like to stay in WV and practice as an RN. If this bill passes I am afraid I will have to move to another state to find a job. Please reconsider the proposed rules you established to implement the Senate Bill 722.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Minnix

Melinda Bowles
P.O. Box 484
Lerona, WV 25971
August 19, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to the proposed rules by the WV Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. The new rules will affect thousands of people in our community. Included in the thousands, are our innocent children. What are the children to do if their parents can't afford to take them to the doctor or even get them the medications that they may need?

I, as a parent of two, know that children have many sicknesses and illnesses, most are acute but some are chronic. They require medications for treatment. They also require ongoing care from providers at a reduced cost. We all know that prescription medications are expensive and not easily obtained by those who have a "set" budget. I personally know of children who will suffer from the proposed bill. I have two nephews who utilize the clinic when needed. Their mother is a single mother who works a full-time job making minimum wage. If the clinic is not able to provide for those unfortunate children, who will? The parents are working and using their incomes to provide food, water, and shelter for their families. What else is left for healthcare needs? Many working people in our community are not even offered health insurance better yet, prescription coverage through their employers. How are these children going to obtain medications if needed? The free clinics are a big help to the people who make up a large portion of our society.

I am only one of the people who make up the community and I can think of numerous people who will suffer from the proposed bill. What about all of the people that we do not know about?

As stated above, I have voiced my concerns and am opposing the bill and the rules that are involved. I am sure that I am not the only person with concerns. The most important part of a community is the people who live in it. I can only hope that the board will realize the impact that the bill will have on the not-so-fortunate ones in the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melinda Bowles
Bluefield State College RN Student

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BOARD OF PHARMACY

8/18/2008

From: Natalie Gauldin
P.O. Box 799
Beckley, WV 25802

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing to you in response to the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. I am currently a married, full time nursing student unable to work full time due to the course load and demands of the nursing program. It is preferred a nursing student does not work at all, but my husband and I are not able to afford that type of luxury. In the meantime, I work part time picking up extra hours every chance I get. Due to my part time employment status, I am not eligible for medical insurance with my employer. Therefore, I depend on the free clinics in my area. I have a condition that requires not only regular examinations, but also regular blood work which I could never afford at a doctor's office. In addition, my husband and I have made the conscious decision to put starting a family on hold until I graduate. The free clinic helps us with that decision by offering the "family planning program." It gives me oral contraceptives at a cost I can actually afford, based on my income, and also gives me piece of mind. Without the clinic I go to, I would simply not receive preventative healthcare because of my inability to afford to pay for it outright at a doctor's office. I look forward to graduating, beginning a full time career in nursing, and signing up for medical benefits. Until then, it is comforting to know that there is a clinic I can go to where I can be holistically cared for by people I trust, and at a cost that I can afford. My health comes first. The clinic allows me to think that way, without worry, rather than be concerned if I can afford to seek care.

Most clinics are on a very limited budget. Forcing the implementation of a full time pharmacist, on their pay scale, would easily shut down the average clinic. The domino effect would be crippling to any community. The large number of low income patients normally seen by the free clinic, would be forced to seek their healthcare in an emergency care setting, and create a bill they will never be able to pay.

It is my hope that the impact this bill will have to my community, along with many others, will be enough to cause you to reconsider Senate Bill 722. Thank you for the time you have taken to read this and consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

Natalie Gauldin

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AUG 25 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

P.O. Box 444
Bluefield, WV 24701

August 13, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 722. This legislation would have a devastating effect on Mercer Health Right and other free clinics. These organizations provide needed medication to residents without the means to pay for the prescriptions they need. For years, clinicians have free clinics have distributed free medicines to their patients under the rules of the Board of Medicine and Board of Nursing. There is NO REASON for this to stop.

As the Executive Director of a faith-based non-profit that reaches out to families of at-risk children and youth, I know first hand of the hardship area families face in purchasing their prescribed medications. Many of our clients depend on Mercer Health Right and would be forced to choose between medication and other necessities if they were not able to receive free medication.

I urge you to vote against a bill that would force free clinics to stop this life-saving service. The current system if functional, safe, regulated by the Board of Medicine and Board of Nursing and should not be changed!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional input or comment.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Checchio

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LINDA S. CUMMINS, RN, BA, CNOR

David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

August 21, 2008

David Potters

Dear. Mr. Potters and Pharmacy Board of WV

As a registered nurse in the State of WV, I am appalled at the proposed new regulations regarding pharmaceuticals and free clinics.

My mother received free medications for about 15 years, and without them, we would not have celebrated her 81st birthday last week. She is an insulin dependent diabetic and has kidney disease that requires her to take 5 kidney sparing anti-hypertensive medications. She lives on a fixed, limited income. She always paid what she could and donated items to be raffled off for the benefit of the clinic - Healthright here in Morgantown, WV. She lives in a neighboring county, but that made no difference to them. She is a 23 year lung cancer survivor with a history of kidney stones and surgeries on both kidneys.

There are thousands of people just like my mother in this state, who could not and will not survive without these programs. They are dispensed by registered nurses and pharmaceutical technicians based on RX's written by physicians.

Please do not allow this resource to be destroyed or regulated beyond survival. The legislature advised the Board of Pharmacy to "work with" free clinics to develop rules. So please do as advised and "work with" these free clinic. Do not ignore their input, as it is most valuable in this process.

Please do not regulate these clinics out of existence. They are vital to the survival of the elderly and needy in this state who exist on fixed incomes.

Sincerely,

Linda S Cummins

Linda S. Cummins, RN, BA, CNOR
2093 Blue Horizon Drive,
Morgantown, WV 26501-2050
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Date: 8 22/08
From: April D. Swim
P O Box 514
Princeton, WV 24740

WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing to you regarding Senate Bill 722. The proposed rules in this bill would force closure on most, if not all, of the free clinics in West Virginia. It would force them to have a Pharmacist on site to dispense the same medications that Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants at these clinics have been dispensing for years. This salary alone would **devastate** their budgets.

My biggest concern is for the patients that go to these clinics. They range in ages from the very young to the very old. They are poor and they have no health insurance. These people will be forced to **suffer** longer with an illness or chronic condition before finally going to the emergency room, which will cost the state of West Virginia considerably more than if they'd been treated at a free clinic.

Teenage girls go there for contraceptives and pregnancy tests. If not for these clinics, some of these girls would do without. Teen pregnancy would be on the rise. Those that fear telling their parents they may be pregnant would wait longer for a pregnancy test, which in turn would delay the **vital** prenatal care they need.

I received my childhood vaccinations at the Mercer County Health Clinic and some members of my family still receive their care from the Bluestone Health Clinic. It **frightens** me to think health care will no longer be available to them.

Before going forward with this bill, please think of the small towns in West Virginia that are poverty ridden. Towns that were left without industry when the coal mines were exhausted. I cannot stress enough the importance of these clinics in those towns. The services they offer are invaluable. I am confident that without them, the overall health of those communities will **plummet**.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

April D. Swim

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West Virginia Chapter
American College of Emergency Physicians

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August 27, 2008

Mr. David Potters
Executive Director and General Counsel
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors for the West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (WV ACEP). WV ACEP is comprised of over 170 practicing emergency physicians throughout the State of West Virginia. We are most concerned about the impact on patients of the proposed rules of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

As you may be aware, emergency departments (EDs) across the state and the nation continue to struggle to deal with increasing numbers of patients seeking care in many cases almost to the breaking point. As it stands, many EDs are so crowded that they are less able to respond to day-to-day emergencies, let alone disasters. Crowding is a crisis that results from the practice of "boarding," or holding emergency patients in the ED, who have been admitted to the hospital. Dramatic changes have steered an alarming number of patients to the ED. The patients that do present are often much sicker, and usually the ED is their only access to care outside of weekday, daytime hours. What flows from this is: a) increased total length of stay worsening access to emergency care, b) increased incidence of those leaving without care, c) increased medical errors, and d) an increase in mortality.

Should the rules as written be implemented, a logical outcome is that free clinics in West Virginia will have less capacity to provide medications to the uninsured working poor due to the requirement to have all free clinic prescriptions checked by a pharmacist or the prescribing physician. If these patients are unable to receive maintenance medications (refills) in a timely manner for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma etc., experience shows us that there will be a corresponding increase in visits to the ED stemming from deteriorating yet avoidable health conditions – avoidable in that routine medication therapies provided by free clinics will no longer be feasible. This will further escalate the already critical situation caused by crowding. A secondary outcome of this rule implementation is reduced patient access to primary medical care at free clinics giving them no choice but to seek care in West Virginia EDs. This also will worsen the incidence of crowding and its many associated issues.

We fully recognize the laudable goal of the Board to ensure the safety of patients, especially in relation to medication dispensing. However, we implore you to reconsider any action to implement the proposed rules. Rather, we offer and are most willing to work in cooperation to develop other mechanisms to enhance safety such as development and implementation of policies and procedures to ensure that the needs of this most worthy patient population are met and not force them to neglect their own health to the point of a health crisis, leading to increased ED visits and hospital admissions.

If you would like to further discuss the concerns raised by WV ACEP, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most Sincerely,

Leah J. Heimbach, JD, RN, EMT-P
Executive Director

112 Morgan Dr.
Morgantown, WV 26505
August 17, 2008

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AUG 19 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed regulation that would only allow free clinics to dispense medications if a pharmacist is on duty. With a pharmacist in my family, I understand the important and critical role that pharmacists play. However, as is described in the enclosed letter to the editor, this rule would appear to limit access to needed medications by some of the poorest of our state's residents.

I urge that the proposed rule be reconsidered and modified in consultation with those responsible professionals who work in and volunteer for free clinics.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lohmann

Nancy Lohmann, Ph.D.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Board of Pharmacy rule creates health care crisis

Free health clinics in West Virginia are being threatened by new regulations from the state Board of Pharmacy and they need your help.

Over one in five adults in West Virginia lack health insurance coverage. Many people cannot afford medical care and don't qualify for state assistance, often working at low-wage jobs without benefits or medically disabled. Ten free clinics in West Virginia have been organized by volunteers within our communities to provide free medical care and free medication. Medication is obtained by donations from generic drug companies, drug samples and from pharmaceutical assistance programs. Free clinics are largely staffed by volunteer physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, who along with a pharmacy technicians, supply patients with medications.

The Board of Pharmacy has been directed by the legislature to work with free clinics to develop rules for charitable clinic pharmacies. The BOP did not listen to free clinics and has proposed a rule that will result in harm for thousands of West Virginians. The proposed rule will require free clinics to have a pharmacist present at all times when medication is distributed. The rule will prevent physicians from distributing medication, even samples, without a pharmacist. The rule will greatly limit the ability of free clinics to provide medication.

Assume the proposed rule is accepted and consider the case of an uninsured diabetic woman who works for low wages as a housekeeper. She has to drive 40 miles to a free clinic to see a volunteer physician. The free clinic cannot afford to hire a full-time pharmacist and so can only fill prescriptions at limited times when a volunteer pharmacist can be present. Her work schedule conflicts with the times the pharmacist is present, and the cost of gasoline makes it hard for her to return. Her insulin which she needs to control her diabetes would cost $150 per month. Even though the clinic has a supply of insulin, the physician is prohibited from giving her medication by the Board of Pharmacy rule. She tells the physician that she is going to have to stop her insulin.

Free clinics provided more than 450,000 free prescriptions to West Virginians. What will happen when thousands of people can't get medication they need for heart disease, asthma, diabetes, infections, high blood pressure? How many heart attacks, flares of asthma, diabetic comas, strokes will require emergency room care? Where can they fill prescriptions that the emergency room doctors give?

State agencies should be supportive of the efforts of our communities to help the working poor and others in need, rather than regulating them out of existence. This rule will create a health care crisis for many low-income citizens. If you or someone you know has benefited from a free clinic pharmacy, or if you are willing to speak up for others in need, send your comments to David Potters, West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, 232 Capitol St., Charleston, WV 25301. Public comments are being accepted only until August 29 at 3 pm. The board is required to respond to each comment.

Karen Fitzpatrick, M.D.
Family physician volunteer
Milan Puskar Health Right
Morgantown

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Date: 8.25.2008
From: Neel Parmar

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing because I do not support Senate Bill 722. This bill requires every "charitable clinic pharmacy" to have a pharmacist, volunteer or employee, in order to provide free medication to patients. This bill prohibits medical doctors, nurse practitioners, dentists, and other clinicians form dispensing medication to patients if they work in a free clinic.

West Virginia currently has nine free clinics located through out the state. These clinics cannot afford to hire pharmacists on the little community funding that they receive. Volunteer pharmacists who will work an average of thirty-four hours a week are hard to find in some of these areas. Without a change in these rules many of these clinics will be forced to send their patients elsewhere for medication.

The growing population of uninsured, low income patients depends on these clinics for care. Without these clinics overall health of the population will decline and hospitals will see an increase in admission rates for problems that could have been prevented. In the long run, insurance rates for the rest of us will increase due to decreased hospital income. This is bad for our communities, because many patients will not get the care they need; their problems will get worse and we will be paying for their treatment. These rules need to be modified.

Thank you for your consideration,

Neel Parmar

Neel Parmar

Yes, I agree that you may publish this letter.

August 20, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Attention: David Potters
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia

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WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear Sir,

I am a registered nurse employed in West Virginia. I am writing out of concern that the ten (10) free clinics in West Virginia are in danger of losing the medication programs that benefit so many of the West Virginia working poor - those who work two or three part-time jobs with no health benefits.
If the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy is allowed to implement the pharmacy rule changes, it is going to result in fewer uninsured patients being served and having access to free medication programs. The proposed rule would provide an extreme hardship on the free clinics in West Virginia.
The free clinics in West Virginia focus on the overall needs of their patients; providing comprehensive health care, specialty care, lab and diagnostic tests. They counsel patients on how to get well and stay well.
These free clinics serve the low-income uninsured poor at no charge. They dispensed more than 619,000 life sustaining prescriptions valued at $62,119,797 free in FY 2006. These are not welfare families, these are families that work but cannot afford to purchase the much needed medications that keep them alive. These people include children, young adults, middle-aged adults, and people nearing retirement.
As a concerned and compassionate West Virginia citizen, I am asking the Board members to **pull the rule and develop a consensus rule** that allows for pharmaceutical access and provides patient protection. **The current rule is not balanced and will deny access to lifesaving medications.** The rule should be designed to provide access to care and treatment.
Thank you for your consideration regarding this most important matter.

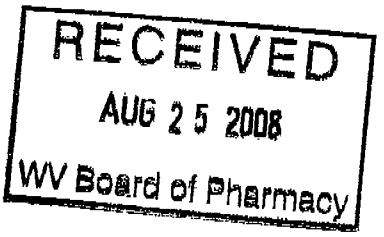
Sincerely,

Sally L. Rutherford

Sally L. Rutherford RN
Clarksburg, West Virginia

August 20, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Attention: David Potters
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia



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Sincerely,

Melissa J. Ross
Clarksburg, West Virginia

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August 26, 2008

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

The rules you are proposing will have a devastating impact on the free clinics in the state of West Virginia. Please address this question. Where will low-income, uninsured individuals go for their medicine(s) if the free clinics have to designate one pharmacist as the pharmacist in charge? While the proposed rules state this individual can be a volunteer, no one will volunteer to be the pharmacist in charge given the liability and responsibilities of that position.

The issue of safety has been stated as the reason for creating the rules, but you are making a problem where there is none. In all the years of operation, we have not heard any complaints about the dispensing of medications at the free clinics.

I am a firm believer that if something is ***NOT*** broke and in this case working to the satisfaction of thousands...***LEAVE IT ALONE!***

I ask you, please, reconsider the rules and work with the free clinics to make a rule that is just and does not hinder the care for individuals who need it most.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Ripoly

Joseph L. Ripoly
Senior Vice President
Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Mr. Potters,

I am writing concerning the proposed changes in free clinics. I understand the boards side; pharmacists spend many years studying medicines and are "officially licensed" to dispense them. I always feel confident that any doctor I see knows what ~~they~~ he's doing when he writes a prescription for me; that he knows about the medication. That's one reason I disagree with the plan to have a full time pharmacist at the clinics. They can't afford to do this. (free clinic) I fear requiring

this will end the clinics and cause a lot of deaths. I know many working poor who make just a little too much to qualify for these programs but at least it helps a lot of people. My late mother was one of them. Without our local free clinic we probably would have lost him back then.

I hope you have time to read the enclosed article (and my long letter: sorry!) We experienced the incompetence of a part time pharmacist at our local pharmacy. We never knew from one day to the next when a pharmacist would be in and sometimes it would take hours when the pharmacist was in to get a prescription filled due to the backlog. The very poor especially can't afford to run back and forth trying to get medications. Please reconsider the board's plan and consider those who need medical help the most.

God bless you,

Glenda Spaulding

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Free health clinics need your help

By Karen Fitzpatrick, M.D.

FREE HEALTH clinics in West Virginia are being threatened by new regulations from the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy and they need your help!

More than one in five adults age 19 to 64 in West Virginia lacks health insurance coverage. Many people cannot afford medical care and don't qualify for state assistance. They often work low-wage jobs without benefits or are medically disabled.

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Free clinics are largely staffed by volunteer physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, who, along with pharmacy technicians, supply patients with medications.

The Board of Pharmacy has been directed by the West Virginia Legislature to work with free clinics to develop rules for charitable clinic pharmacies.

The board did not listen to free clinics and has proposed a rule that will result in harm for thousands of West Virginians. The proposed rule will require free clinics to have a pharmacist present at all times when medication is distributed.

The rule will prevent physicians from distributing medication, even drug samples, without a pharmacist. The rule will greatly limit the ability of free clinics to provide medication for many low-income citizens.

If you or someone you know has benefited from a free clinic pharmacy, or if you are willing to speak up for others in need, send your comments to David Potters, West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, 232 Capitol St., Charleston, WV 25301. But hurry, because public comments are being accepted only until Aug. 29 at 3 p.m.

Fitzpatrick is a family physician volunteer at the Milan Puskar Health Right clinic in Morgantown.

Assume the proposed rule is accepted and consider the case of an uninsured diabetic woman who works for low wages as a housekeeper. She has to drive 40 miles to a free clinic to see a volunteer physician. The free clinic cannot afford to hire a full-time pharmacist and so can only fill prescriptions at very limited times when a volunteer pharmacist can be present. The woman's work schedule conflicts with the times the pharmacist is present, and the cost of gasoline makes it hard for her to return. Her insulin, which she needs to control her diabetes, would cost $150 a month (about $50 a vial). Even though the clinic has a supply of insulin, the physician is prohibited from giving her medication by the Board of Pharmacy rule.

Free clinics provided more than 450,000 prescriptions to West Virginians. What will happen when thousands of people can't get medication they need for heart disease, asthma, diabetes, infections and high blood pressure, and many end up in emergency rooms with asthma, diabetic comas, strokes, will require emergency room care? Where can they fill prescriptions that the emergency room doctors give?

The Board of Pharmacy was directed by the legislature to work with free clinics to develop rules that would not end the clinics' free medication programs. State agencies should be supportive of the efforts of our communities to help the working poor and others in need, rather than regulating them out of existence. This rule

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To Whom it may Concern

My name is April Wolfe I am the daughter of Madeline Blankenship and I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722 because My mother has been getting Her Medicine from Mercer Health right now for 4 years. and I thank God from above for this Clinic that has given People the Chance to be healthy again no matter how rich or how poor you are. I know just speaking for my mom who is on a fixed income every month if she had to buy Her medication she could not eat or even afford to travel to a doctors appointment. Just one of my moms Muscle Relaxers for Her Fibromyalgia and Rheumatoid Arthritis is $179.00 just for one pill and she she is on 2 pills a day for 30 days. Yes I know this is ridiculous but that's just the beginning of her medication list She has Thyroid problems, Cholestrol, and Anxiety. She could never begin to pay for just these and she is on 6 more meds. This medication has helped my mother tremendously. Until Anyone who has a heart Anyway—

Yes there is mother laying on her back in a bed not even able to raise her arms. You then would change your mind about shutting this Clinic down. Really what I think about this bill. All you really would like to know is let me take every thing that you care for away and let you set in the bed for the rest of your life not able to move, and you would appreciate some little help from someone just as my mom is. Those people trying to pass this bill just need to rearrange this situation and put yourself in those other peoples shoes. What would you do? This Clinic is not just free medicine I know times my mom has not had a dollar but donated it to some organization that the Clinic was raising money for. Or free Clothes to the people who needed them or even people who needed advice they had it. I have been to the Clinic before and I can tell you if you shut this down. I hope and pray to god that your Conscience does not let you rest because not only

Are you hurting people not getting there needs that they need but good honest people will be out of jobs also. And they work hard for every cent they get.

P.S. What would you do if you were in my Mens Shoes?

Sincerely,

April Walls
62 Josh Fork
Simon, WV 24882

My letter is ok to publish maybe if everyone knew everyones situation that goes to the Clinic they would throw this bill out and never think about picking it up again...

Thanks

Aug 20, 2008

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WV Board of Pharmacy

To: David Potters
WV Board of Pharmacy

I have been reading and hearing about your ridiculous proposal to have a pharmacist present at all times when medicine is distributed.

In a perfect world I can see where this would be a beneficial and responsible requirement. But the folks who receive treatment in these clinics are living in the farthest thing from perfection. Many of them can barely afford the gas required to get them there.

Please do not add this burden to their already difficult circumstances. It appears to me and probably the public in general that you are trying to protect the pharmacists and not the people who need the medications.

I am just an intrested citizen who can afford to buy my prescriptions and who donates my unused medications to these clinics.

Please reconsider this ludicrous requirement.

Sincerely,
Charles A Hartwell
304 South Street
Saint Albans, WV 25177
304-727-6705

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, W.V. 25301

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David Potter

Dear Sir:

The new proposed rule of the Board of Pharmacy that will force free clinics to provide a pharmacist has no merit. Physicians all over W.Va. distribute medications from their offices. What is the difference? Heaven forbid if every doctor's office had to hire a pharmacist! This will certainly work against the wonderful efforts of everyone that tries to provide Healthcare to those that are unfortunate. I understand that one in five adults younger than sixty-five have no insurance of healthcare and rely on these clinics. Most of us that have health care insurance do not have the security of knowing that we will be able to keep it due to perhaps job loss or loss of benefits at any time. Perhaps we too should need these services. That is something each citizen should think about. Should this proposal be enforced many health problems of friends, family or neighbors that use these services could be fatal to them; due to these clinics being unable

to comply with the rule and Planning to close their doors. There is empathy for our peoples needs, not wants — needs? I pray that all West Virginians would speak up against this proposed rule. Gov. Manchin should call on the Legislature emphasizing the importance and the crises this could create.

Many blessed professionals are putting forth great effort for citizens and the Clinics. The free Clinics need your support Pharmacy Board. Our communities need your support. Our people need your support. Please drop this proposal and support the good efforts of our free Clinics.

Sincerely

Connie Sue Halloran
3689 Springfork Dr
Chas W. Va. 25306-6839

Carrie Lusk
PO Box 220
Kegley, WV 24731

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am writing to you in regards to Senate Bill 722 that was formed by West Virginia Board of Pharmacy. Many families in southern West Virginia area have benefited from free medical services and medications. Mercer Health Right is only one of the agencies in my area that provide these services. These patients have very low incomes and do not have insurance. In some cases, patients have to choose between food and shelter or their medications. Many of these patients have chronic conditions that need daily medications. These medications are key in controlling admissions to the hospital. In addition to medications, these agencies provide education materials. Education is very important in the prevention, maintenance and treatment of all medical conditions and disease processes. The services listed are only a small portion provided by free clinics.

Free clinics provide these services to thousands of people in several different counties of West Virginia. Many politicians are looking for different ways to provide medical care and medications to all in need. Your Senate Bill 722 will do the exact opposite by the excessive amount of money that will have to be spent to hire pharmacists to be onsite. These clinics operate on very limited funds. It is extremely important that the patients of each free clinic are considered before rules of this nature are established. In the end, this will limit clinicians and then will hurt patients.

Free clinics do not have additional funding to hire pharmacists to be onsite. This Senate Bill 722 has the potential to effect hospitals. Our hospitals are extremely burdened when patients come to the Emergency Room and then do not pay their bill. This situation will be a direct result of closing a clinic. THIS WILL EFFECT JOBS AND INSURANCE RATES!!!

On a personal note, this Bill affects me as well. In the most recent past, I have been unable to afford insurance. I am a college student and work 24hours per week. I have two children in addition to my busy schedule. As a child, I was diagnosed with epilepsy which greatly affects my daily life. My medications play a large role in controlling my epilepsy. I was unable to purchase my medication depakote due to the cost of $200.00 for one month supply. Mercer Health Right provided me with generic form of the drug at no cost. They also provided a four month supply of the drug! THIS WAS AN ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS! Please reconsider Senate Bill 722.

Thank you,

Carrie Jean Lusk
This letter may be published if desired

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Date: [redacted]

From: [redacted]

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722 because free clinics will have to stop giving out medicine.

As an aspiring Registered Nurse, this bill is of great concern to me. It is a nurse's job and passion to provide adequate health care to the community. While some families are able to afford good health care, many others in West Virginia are not. Free clinics were originally designed to offer assistance to the lower-class families, in hopes of lowering hospital costs while improving community health. The rules proposed by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy prohibit free clinics from doing this. For example, for Mercer County Health Right, a clinic in my area, their annual budget is only $260,000. If this clinic is required to hire a pharmacist, approximately $100,000 will be deducted from their budget, leaving only $160,000 to provide satisfactory health care and fill prescriptions for our community.

Not only will this decision break my heart for other families in West Virginia, it will affect my family as well. As a full-time nursing student and mother of two, I have no time to maintain a job outside of the home. Therefore, my family is compelled to survive solely off of my husband's income. With his job, we are offered no medical benefits; therefore, my husband and I are both forced to visit free clinics any time the need arises. If free clinics are required to hire a pharmacist, leaving minimal funds for health care, my family will be unable to afford office visits and medication in times of sickness. We will have to deal with any symptoms on our own, which places our children's health in jeopardy as well. In this situation, my husband may have to miss work, cutting our household income even more. I would like for you to consider my family as *just one example* of the many different households that will be affected by this change. We need to pull together and fulfill the goal of improving health care in West Virginia.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2008

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FROM: TIFFANY MCCORMICK
BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING
ROUTE 5 BOX 120
BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

TO: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED SENATE BIL. 722 REQUIRING A PHARMACIST TO DISPENSE MEDICATIONS AT FREE CLINICS ACROSS THE STATE. I AM A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF BLUEFIELD, WV AND MY FAMILY HAS BEEN FORCED TO CALL UPON THE SERVICES OF MERCER HEALTH RITE SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS FOR SERVICES. MY HUSBAND, NOW A TEACHER FOR BLUEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL, IS DIABETIC AND RELIES ON DAILY MEDICATIONS AS WELL AS GLUCOSE MONITORING SUPPLIES. AFTER COLLEGE, HE WAS UNABLE TO FIND A JOB WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OFFICE RIGHT AWAY AND HAD TO SUBSTITUTE FOR A YEAR BEFORE HE WAS HIRED FULL-TIME. ALTHOUGH HE WORKED FULL-TIME, HE WAS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS INCLUDING HEALTH INSURANCE. HE WAS TOLD OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY MERCER COUNTY HEALTH RITE. LIKE SO MANY OTHERS IN THE AREA, HE RELIED ON THESE SERVICES FOR HIS MEDICATIONS AND DIABETES TESTING SUPPLIES FOR ALMOST A YEAR UNTIL HE WAS ABLE TO ACQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE.

ALTHOUGH WE NOW HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AND NO LONGER NEED THE SERVICES OF MERCER HEALTH RITE, THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHERS IN AND AROUND THIS AREA THAT RELY ON THEIR SERVICES AND WOULD BE FORCED TO GO WITHOUT THEIR MEDICATIONS IF THIS FREE CLINIC WERE NO LONGER TO OPERATE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

Tiffany McCormick

TIFFANY MCCORMICK

Aug. 25, 2008

Mr. Potters,

I did volunteer work at Health Right for app. 3 yrs.

Their system works. Please leave well-enough alone. Their workload is already awesome and well done!

Thank you,

Justin M. Pratt
5311 Kanawha Ave
Chas, WV
25304

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WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St
Charleston, WV 25301
August 17, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a social worker at Bluefield Regional Medical Center and know first hand how important Mercer Health Right is to the community. If the proposed changes you feel are necessary are approved, deserving people will be denied the medications they need to maintain their health. I would suspect that most, if not all of the people who read this have health insurance and that it includes prescription coverage, thus, there is probably a lack of true understanding of the value and need for all of the services of Mercer Health Right to continue. The proposed Pharmacy Rule changes would take away needed prescription medications for the residents of my community. If this happens, more people will be coming to the emergency rooms of hospitals because they have become ill as a result of not having access to the medicines they need. However, emergency rooms are not the solution to this impending problem. Mercer Health Right (and the other free clinics in this state) and its ability to continue to dispense medications is a solution.

There is truly a lack of pharmacists in this state and to pay pharmacists to staff Mercer Health Right would take away funds for other needed health services.

I have had a long-standing working relationship with Mercer Health Right, and I am impressed by it's professional and caring staff. I refer patients to this free clinic on an almost daily basis. The thought of it not being able to continue to dispense free medication to people who need them is incomprehensible. The health care system of this country is already unfair to a large part of its residents. Please do not add to this by imposing your Pharmacy Rule changes. If something isn't broken, why try to fix it?

Sincerely,

Linda Williamson, MSW, LCSW

8/18/08

I am astonished that the Pharmacy Board would require a pharmacist on duty whenever medication is dispensed at one of WV's free health clinics. My own private physician often gives out samples of medication with no pharmacist present and I see no difference in the clinic doctors being able to do the same thing.

Adding another burden to the system will only serve to hurt the patients ability to receive needed medication

I also appreciate the ability of individuals to donate unused prescription drugs to clinics such as Healthright and hope this will continue.

Nina Peyton
Charleston, WV

August 2008

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Dear Mr. Potts:

I'd like you to please explain to me why you people seem to think that "protecting the public" from drugs at free clinics in WV is more important than getting those drugs to the people who desperately need them.

The free clinics in WV don't even carry controlled substances!!! What? We need to have pharmacies to prevent theft/wrong perscriptions of diabetes drugs?? There's never even been an incident like that.

All the clinics have to adopt the stupid rules before you now it will mean lots of people won't get the drugs they need. They can't afford to have pharmacists!!! Have you ever been to a free clinic in WV? It's not like VA - where they have 60, so why are you adopting their rules???

Please, use your common sense, cut the politics of whatever & then

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513 Jefferson St
S. Charleston, WV
25309

Mr Potter
Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
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Dear Sir:

I heard on the news last night that there may be a problem because W.Va. Health Rights does not have a pharmacist and that they may be forced to find one.

I talked to Tamra Mollohan and she said that pharmacists are hard to find and that she would have to write a $150,000.00 grant to find one. Also, it appears that it would be a similar process to find one for the rural areas. Tamra says they do have a volunteer at their office.

I lost my state job last December and I was taking seven scripts. I

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Dear Ms. Potters,

In response to a recent commentary in the Charleston Gazette, I would like to tell you of my experiences in a local clinic, W. V. Health Right.

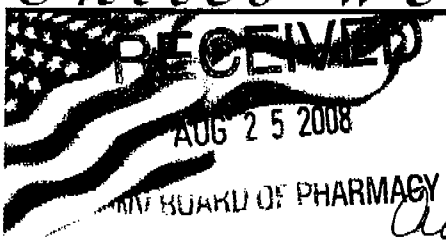
Due to circumstances, I had no health insurance in 1987. I was forced to go to Health Right for ear infections.

I continued to visit Health Right for 20 years until I received Medicare.

They supplied all my medicines. If they didn't have what I needed, they found it somehow. No or little cost to me!

I have family and friends who have been cared for through all kinds of diseases, from cancer, heart disease, diabetes, etc.

United We Stand



From the desk of

Ms Dolores Smith

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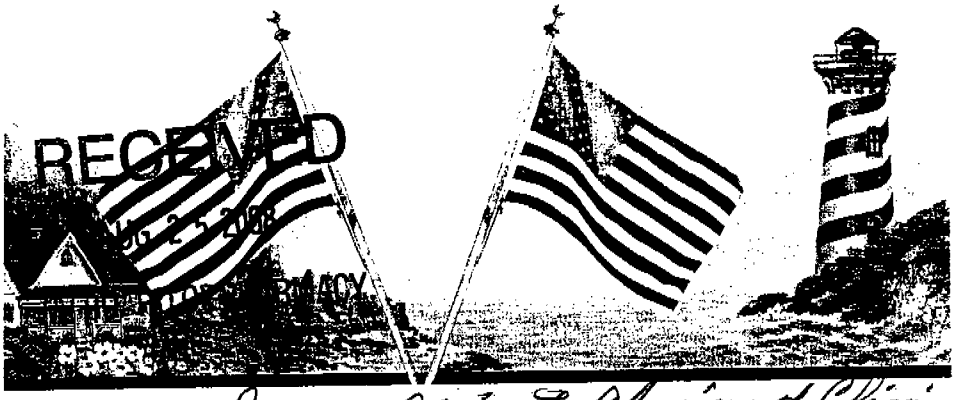
David Potters
WV Bd. of Pharmacy

Dear Sir:

Why should a new method be required to dispense free medication when the present method has proved to be successful? It's hard enough for low income



I am against closing of Clinics

Dear Patters

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Thank you,

Maxie C. Mullins
375 Elk River Rd. N.
Cheyenne Wy 82005

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[illegible] Rolling Hills Cir
Charleston, WV 25314
August 20, 2008

Dear David Potters:

I am writing at The urging of Karen Fitzpatrick, MD. (Gazette column 8/20/08). I don't know The whole story, + rules are usually made to solve some problem.

Please use your authority to sort out The problems and don't let overly cautious rules, or professional turf-protecting rules hinder The generous + necessary service rendered at our free health clinics.

Sincerely,
Janet Cagnon

25428 Coal River Road
Orgas, WV 25148

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Mr. David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to the proposal to have a pharmacist present when medication is distributed at free clinics. I disagree with this rule for various reasons.

My young son was a client at Health Rite in Charleston several years ago as an insulin dependant diabetic. Had it not been for the free insulin, syringes, and other diabetic supplies, I don't know what my family would have done. It literally saved his life. My husband had lost his job in the coal mines and the health insurance that went with it. As a mother of three young children and a severely ill child, I was in dire straits until our endocrinologist, Dr. Nicholas Cassis agreed to see us at Health Rite and distribute the needed diabetic supplies that kept my son out of the hospital many, many times. My son is now 28 years old and on Medicare, but Health Rite was a life-saver to my family.

Another reason I disagree with the current proposal is because I have seen many nurse practitioners, doctors, and other medical personnel distribute drug samples in their medical offices without having pharmacists present and have never heard of any ill effects so I don't see what difference it makes if the free clinics do the same. If seems to me this proposal is limiting the good that is being derived from helping the poor and less fortunate by imposing such a standard.

Too many good programs are harmed by trying to fix what isn't broken. Allow this program to continue what it set out to do by helping those who are in need instead of interfering with their progress.

Thank you,

Lorintha Hiles

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Patricia C. Boyd
1616 Stadium Drive
Bluefield West Virginia 24701-3321

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August 17 2008

RE: Senate Bill 722

Enclosed article dated Saturday August 16th 2008
Bluefield Daily Telegraph
Bluefield West Virginia

What are you trying to do to us here in West Virginia?
We have it hard enough with no insurance, and now you are going to make it harder on us that use the FREE CLINIC for medicines and health care. Can't you give us a break on any thing!!!!

If this BILL passes, I will no longer be able to keep my BLOOD PRESSURE down, my DIABETES in control my CHOLESTROL down.

Medicine that I take are Januvia, Hyzaar, Caduet, Metformin, HCTZ, plus needles, insulin, and test stripes. Just for one box of test strips of 50 cost me $50.00 because the Free Clinic I went to did not have them in stock that time. I prayed to God that I wouldn't have to do that again. All of these medicines are free to me. If I have to start paying for these I won't buy them; and in a way you are signing my death certificate, because I will not be able to keep my medical problems in check and keep them under control.

So for the sake of West Virginia and its people please reconsider passing this bill 722.

Thank You

Patricia C Boyd

Patricia C. Boyd

Senate Bill 722 may cost free health clinics in West Virginia

By GREG JORDAN
Bluefield Daily Telegraph

GREEN VALLEY — Like many diabetics, 58-year-old Pamela Bales of Brushfork needs insulin to control her blood sugar and medications to keep her cholesterol and blood pressure in check. Without medicine, she faces costly doctor's visits and even hospitalization.

She's also among the many people who can't afford their prescriptions, but there are free clinics like Mercer Health Right that provide medications to people who need them. The system has served Bales, who has only a fixed income, for 18 years, but now some new pharmacy rules being considered by the West Virginia Legislature are jeopardizing her source of medicine, said Mercer Health Right Director Debbie Enigk.

"Senate Bill 722, passed in March by the Legislature, required the Board of Pharmacy to set up rules for the free clinics," Enigk said. "Free clinics would have to get a pharmacy license to give free meds to their patients."

The rules filed July 29 with the Secretary of State's Office go beyond what the Legislature wanted for the regulation of free clinics, Enigk said. The present rules would require free clinics to hire a

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Counting carefully...
Nurse Practitioner Bonnie Fowler fills a prescription for a Mercer Health Right patient Friday.
Staff photo by John Nelson

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pharmacist, a $100,000 a year cost that takes almost half of Mercer Health Right's annual $260,000 budget.

Finding a pharmacist who could do volunteer service would be very difficult, Enigk said. Many of them put in long hours at their jobs.

"They just do not have the time," she said. "Pharmacists are in short supply in West Virginia. We would also be asking a pharmacist to put their license on the line." Any alleged mistakes at the free clinic would expose them to reprimands and fines from the state Board of Pharmacy. The new rules also affect other medical professionals.

"The rules even stops nurses and nurse practitioners from giving out medicines," Enigk said. Most of these medicines address ailments such as high blood pressure and diabetes; these drugs can cost $3 to $5 just for one pill. Pharmaceuticals that are highly regulated are not kept in stock.

"We keep no controlled substances and we don't write prescriptions for them," Enigk said. "Not even cough syrup with codeine."

The medicines Mercer Health Right does stock cost more than its patients can afford. In some cases, the patient's medicines costs more than his or her monthly income, Enigk said.

Bales knew that the price of her diabetic medicine and supplies was beyond her budget.

"They give me my insulin, they give me my blood pressure pills, my fluid pill and my cholesterol medicine," she said. Diabetics medicine would cost $14 to $25 per prescription, and test strips–used in monitors to measure blood sugar levels–cost $45 to $75 a box.

"Without this free clinic, I wouldn't be able to do anything," Bales said. "I wouldn't be able to manage my diabetes, and I wouldn't be able to control it."

Diabetics who can't manage their condition face heart trouble, kidney ailments, damaged eyesight and even blindness. With medication, Bales has not needed expensive treatments, Enigk said.

"She has never had to go to the doctor," she said. "And she has never been to the hospital. We keep them out of the hospital and we keep them healthy."

Free clinic patients must have written prescriptions in order to receive medicine.

"We have a five page list of rules and protocols, and drugs have to be in date (unexpired)," Enigk said.

Enigk said Mercer Health Right works closely with doctors and local hospitals when patients can't pay for medicine. Without free clinics, low income patients would have to visit hospital emergency rooms after their untreated conditions become serious.

"The hospitals' emergency departments would become their medical homes because they will not have gotten their medications," Enigk said, estimating that 55,000 West Virginia residents using free clinics would instead head for hospitals.

This additional burden would result in more hospitals having to write off costs because they know that the patients simply cannot pay, creating more burdens on insurance when the cost of recovering the lost revenue is handed down to consumers, she added.

Enigk urged area residents to write the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy at 232 Capital Street, Charleston, WV 25301 and give their opinions about how the pharmacy rule changes would affect their communities. Public input is due in Charleston by Aug. 29.

David Potters, West Virginia Board of Pharmacy:

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I'm responding to a letter in the Dominion Post about free health clincs in West Virginia. These clincs can't help the working person who needs them with the legislature new rules. The rules have to work for the people who work to take care of themselves. Otherwise they get sick, and families lose their means of support.

State agencies should supportive of the efforts of volunteers within our communities to provide free medical care and medication. These volunteers take time out of their life to help others. Also the Board of Pharmacy needs to listen to the free clincs, and help the people of West Virginia not harm them. The rule will greatly limit the ability of free clincs to provide medication.

I'm willing to speak up for others in need, and prevent a health crisis in West Virginia.

Becky Herrington
1297 Blue Horizon Rd.
Morgantown WV
26501

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CHARLESTON WV 25301

PHARMACY BOARD MEMBERS

IN REFERENCE TO SENATE BILL 722 IT APPEARS THAT THIS NEW REQUIREMENT WILL HURT MORE THAN HELP, I KNOW THAT FREE HEALTH CLINICS ARE ON A LIMITED BUDGET AND THIS WILL CAUSE THEM TO CLOSE THE DOORS. A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY WAS KEPT ALIVE BY THE DRUGS THAT HE RECIEVED FROM HEALTH RIGHT IN RALIEGH COUNTY UNTIL HE BECAME OLD ENOUGH TO GET ON MEDICARE PART D WHICH HE NOW GETS FREE, WITH A HISTORY OF 3 CORNARYS HE COULD NOT GET THE 5 OR 6 HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH OF MEDS AND THEY CAN NOT AFFORD A FULL TIME PHARMACISTS AND OTHER EXPENCES . IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE IN THIS PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU CAN.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

BILL BAILEY
PRINCETON WV

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Dear Members of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy,

I write to encourage you to support the free health clinics of the state. The individuals who have selflessly volunteered to serve through these clinics are worthy of great respect, admiration, and support. They freely give their time and energy to help their neighbors, without thought of their own profit. It is in this direct spirit of compassion that the free clinics must exist and work.

You, the Members of the Board, are responsible for creating the new position of "Pharmacist in Charge". Please do not feel as though you were being attacked when I say that this rule was a mistake. But the new rule is an unnecessary complication. It should be reversed because it works against the goal of helping those in need. Providing free medicine and care for our neighbors benefits every human being in our state. Please reverse the rule immediately, that does more harm than good. Please ↷

From
To
Subject
Attachments

Mr. Potters,
Please take a few minutes to read my attached letter voicing my displeasure wit the WVBOP stance on our free clinics and West Virginia RX.

Thank you very much.
Sincerely,

Joe Cumblidge
Proctor, WV

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Proctor, WV 26055

August 22, 2008

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

ATTN: David Potters, Executive Director

Mr. Potters:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of West Virginia who is wondering why the Board of Pharmacy is pushing so hard to become the overseers of the Free Clinics and West Virginia Rx programs.

Although I am covered by health insurance, myself, I know many people who do not have that same luxury and depend on these programs in order to obtain treatment and medication(s) they might need to survive. It is my understanding that these programs operate strictly for the benefit of those residents and depend on donations for them to continue their operation, yet your Board is pushing for this Legislation to be enacted so you can, in essence, take over control and oversight of these operations. That, sir, is akin to more Government regulation when you have done nothing to PROVE it is needed.

I know of no citizen in this state who has been harmed by any treatment or medication they have received through these programs, nor do I know of no "outdated" medication that has been dispensed as your Board "implied" in a press release from 2005.

My question to you, Mr. Potters, is quite simply this. Why, other than forcing these programs that are so beneficial to those citizens who are underprivileged to hire a licensed pharmacist to be on-site to distribute medications or write prescriptions, would you be pushing this issue so hard? From what I can learn, you have no CONCRETE evidence that these programs have caused our citizens any harm at all. Quite the contrary sir. They have done nothing except provide much needed medical care to those who might otherwise not be able to obtain this.

I would ask that you seriously reconsider your efforts to implement this Legislation and keep the citizens of West Virginia first and foremost in your mind, not the pockets of a pharmacist.
Sincerely yours,

/s/Joe Cumblidge
Proctor, WV

Mr. Potters

Have the educated an well paid people in WV. Lost touch with the poor an not so lucky..Or is it that you don't care..these clinics are helping people that cant do any more..An you people want to stick your nose in an make life harder.Don't say it,s for safety they will be some die for lack of medication.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP GO VOLUNTEER AT ONE GET RED TAPE OUT OF THERE WAY.

Kennith L Cutlip
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Dear Mr. Potters,

I am writing in regard to the proposed rule concerning free health clinics, in that doctors in those clinics not be able to dispense medications without a pharmacist present.

If you had ever been one of the working poor you would not consider such action. Obviously you have not had to avail yourself of the services of such a clinic, and don't understand the desperation involved when one is ill and poor and without health insurance.

I used to be a chef, and never once worked in a restaurant that was financially able to offer group insurance that would be affordable on a bartender, dish washer, or chef's wages. I never made more than $2.00 over the minimum wage. With rent, utilities and gasoline prices what they are, the working poor cannot afford to be sick.

The W. Va. Board of Pharmacy

should be working WITH free clinics across the state, so that all can have access to medical care. With the generous support of giving West Virginians and volunteer professionals, people like me, when I worked for low wages could be availed of quality health care.

Let me give you an example of how this new Ruling would affect such a person. Living from paycheck to paycheck, one could scrape by and make a living. However, getting sick and missing a day's wages would come right out of the budget for food, or transportation, or shoes. If a doctor prescribed a necessary medication and no pharmacist had volunteered that day, another day of work would be missed. What if it were three or four days until, say an antibiotic could be dispensed? Now we are cutting into money for utilities, rent, gasoline for the car.

The boss is angry because of the missed work, you are too sick

to work (in fact, with a contagious illness you are not allowed to work with food) and the result could be termination. In the best case scenario you are only out food money and can maybe catch a ride to work until you can catch up on money.

Let us accept the doctor's expertise in writing a prescription for the proper medication. Let us be grateful for the conscientious volunteers who dispense the donated medications and samples. Let us not penalize the working poor for being ill.

Illness is not a choice, and we ARE our brother's keeper. It is noble to volunteer for community service, but we have too few who do so. Please listen to the recommendations of the free clinics and allow Pharmacy Technicians and doctors to dispense needed medications. Our great state is full of working poor who do not get paid for sick days. Listen to their plight and help them.

Sincerely,

Carolyn J. Anderson

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[illegible], W.V. 26576

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[illegible] Capitol Street
Charleston, W.V. 25301

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r Mr. Potters,

ve recently learned of the Board of Pharmacy's proposed
le that would require a pharmacist present at all times that
dication is distributed within all of West Virginia's free
ics. I fear, if enacted, this rule would cause terrible
dship not only to me but to all West Virginia's poor.

I suffer from Obsessive/Compulsive Disorder, but I
lucky enough to have insurance. My mother suffers
n Post Dramatic Stress Syndrom, Depression, and suicide
mpts, but is not lucky enough to have insurance. She
nages to work part time, but is too afraid to work or
ve in the winter months. She and I take the Bus and
times are very specific as to when she can pick up her
lication at Health Right of Morgantown. I fear if her work
bus schedule did not allow for her to be at Health Right
the day and time that the volunteer pharmacist was
and she would miss getting her medication.

I don't want to take up your time and I know this lett
t written very well, but we're having a hard time now
I just don't want to see it get worse for us. Please, do
nother and it a world of good and don't pass this rule,
e.

Yours Truly,

Aug. 18, 2008

Mr. Carl Hegner
713 Wells St
Morgantown, WV 26505

Dear Mr. David Potters,

Before I received Medicaid then Medicare, I obtained my medications at the Milan Puskar Health Right in Morgantown, WV. I am 54 years old and I have gotten free samples from doctors at different locations, including the WVU hospital.

The Health Right clinic is a volunteer organization and they don't have the money to hire a full-time pharmacist. A medic on the battlefield needs no pharmacist and M.A.S.H. had no pharmacist. A medical doctor should always be allowed to give a medication to a patient. A rule that prevents this will only kill people!

Sincerely,
Mr. Carl Hegner

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Jan. 22, 2003

Jm. Porter -

I learn upon to the
board my great
dismay at the proposed
rule requiring pharmacists
at free clinics. The
generous and kind
people who may these
clinics work should not
be hindered unnecessarily.
Please reconsider.

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August 24, 2008

Stacie L. Alvis
114 Lynwood Circle
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WV Board of Pharmacy
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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am responding to the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. I am opposed to Bill 722, as it will limit the services of every free clinic in West Virginia. The clinics will not be able to give less income family's medication and care, which they could not receive any other way.

Mercer County Health Right is one of these clinics and they see about 500 to 1,000 patients or more a month. Another clinic is the one at Bluefield State College, which as a student I am a patient. I have insurance, however, I cannot afford the co-pay or bills that come from my doctor. My only choice is Bluefield State Health Clinic. I am seen by a Nurse Practitioner and if I need medication they fill a prescription there so they know I have the medicine I need to get better. They see Bluefield State students and faculty for free. They help many students and faculty with out insurance that can not afford to be seen by a doctor.

I hope Bill 722 is thrown out and rewritten in respect for free clinics to care for patients. If Bill 722 is passed, then many clinics in Southern West Virginia will have to close, which will lead to more patients going to the ER for care and then not being able to pay for the services or medication. If this would happen, then the hospital would eat the cost for these patients, which will make the cost higher for other patients and lower pay for nurses as well as other personnel. Insurance would become higher, which would lead to more people with out insurance. This Bill 722 could lead to all of the above. It could be very detrimental to Southern West Virginia's Health Care.

The Rules need to Change!!! Our community counts itself very lucky to have a free clinic that provides these services. Now, with Bill 722, the program will be challenged in providing free medication to patients who need them and cannot afford them with out the clinics help. I ask you to rethink this bill in respect to the free clinics.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacie L Alvis

Stacie L. Alvis

__X__ I agree you may publish this letter

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August 19, 2008

Mr. David Potters
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Dear Mr. Potters:

We are very concerned about the plan of action taken by the Board of Pharmacy to require free clinics to designate a Pharmacist in Charge for every free clinic in West Virginia. Free clinics do not have full-time paid pharmacists on staff and it is highly unlikely a volunteer pharmacist would accept this position given the liability the position would assume.

If free clinics could not provide life saving medications to the working poor, the impact on individual lives and in emergency rooms will be felt statewide. The best course of action would be for the Board of Pharmacy to pull the rule from legislative consideration this year. We recommend that you follow the legislative intent and work with the West Virginia free clinics to develop a consensus rule that emphasizes quality assurance rather than personnel. The goal should be to protect West Virginia's 'working poor' patients without disrupting their access to lifesaving medications.

Sincerely,

Marie T. Battles
Executive Director

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Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy,

The low-income, uninsured patients in WV look to the 10 free clinics across the state as a lifeline. ***It will be devastating to thousands of low income, uninsured, individuals, many of whom are employed, if you change the way in which those clinics provide medications to patients.***

The issue of safety has been cited as the reason for creating these new rules. However, there has never been an issue of safety in these clinics in the dispensing of medication. Why should a non - existent problem be cited as a reason to put the health of thousands of individuals in jeopardy?

The rule you have proposed is not realistic because free clinics cannot afford to hire pharmacists, there is a shortage of pharmacists in the state and care in the free clinics is provided on a totally volunteer basis. In addition, the rule you have proposed will restrict the ability of the free clinics to provide medications such as manufacturer's samples. Free clinics should not be held to the same regulations as retail pharmacies. They are providing much needed care and service to those in need and are not making a profit.

Please reconsider the rules you are proposing and work with the free clinics to make a rule that is just and fair and is not prohibitive to the care of those people in WV who need it most.

Sincerely,

Linda Stullenbarger

Linda Stullenbarger, MA, LPC

cc: Wheeling Health Right, Inc.
61 – 29th Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
Attention: Kathy Brown

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to let you know just how much Beckley Health-Right has helped me. I have had open-heart surgery, if it wasn't for that I wouldn't be alive. My medication is expensive, and my wife and I are on a fixed income. My wife is a cancer survivor and her medical bills are more than we can afford. If I didn't have assistance through this program, I couldn't afford my medication. I also have had cancer, and this program pulled me through it. I feel closing Beckley - Healthrite would be a big mistake in our community. A lot of people depend on them, without them we couldn't afford health care.

Thank You
Jimmie Cooper

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To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing this letter in support of Keeping Beckley Health Right.

This organization, along with its professional staff is very much an asset to this community. The people involved take their job very serious.

Due to the overwhelming number of people that have no access to health care, Beckley Health Right is very much a needed facility.

I have always worked, but for the last 20 years, when I needed health care the most, it wasn't offered.

Beckley Health Right has done so much for me, including my lab work, x-rays, and helping me to see a specialist, not to mention all the medicines that I'm on.

If not for Beckley Health Right, I would have no medical treatment available to me. I am writing as one, but speaking for many many people in this area.

Please take this letter into consideration, before any irrational decision is made. This organization is essential for so many uninsured or low income people.

Sincerely,
Brenda Kaylor

To whom it may concern,
My Maw Maw needs your help.
She stays sick all the time
her diabetes is not good.
Please don't shut down the office

5 years old (Randy Ellison)

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I would like to thank everyone at Health Right in Beckley. I had back surgery. Was unable to work. Lost my health insurance & would not of had any meds. at all if it wasn't for the kindness of all the people at Heald Right.

Thank you all so much

Sharon Foster

West Virginia University
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed rules and regulations for charity clinic pharmacies and how it may impact patients who use Health Right clinic and pharmacy for their care and prescriptions. I have been affiliated with the Mylan Puskar Health Right clinic in Morgantown for many years volunteering my time and seeing patients referred from Health Right to West Virginia University for care. In that capacity, I frequently call Health Right and use them to dispense medications to patients. This requires prescriptions and coordination through Health Right. In my experience, there has never been a problem or errors in the dispensing. On the other hand, this has been an invaluable service to patients who do not have the ability to pay for their care or their medications.

I understand that oversight must be in place, however, I am concerned that the proposals will be difficult to institute and will lead to the loss of this valuable service. I would request that the board of pharmacy place a hold on the proposed rules and regulations and take time to work with the West Virginia Association of Free Clinics to focus on quality assurance issues. Please make an effort to allow this valuable service to remain available to those in need in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 10:12 AM
Subject: Rule concerning free clinics

Please do not force the free clinics in WV to have a full-time pharmacist. I understand that you are wanting quality control over the medications dispensed by the free clinics...but in the two plus years I've been a patient at Beckley Healthright, I've never experienced a problem with my medications and according to an editorial in The Register Herald today, there have been no lawsuits or complaints of negligence in the 25 years of the free clinics' operation. So why try to fix something that isn't broke?

My potentially life-saving medications would cost somewhere between $375 - $475 a month if I were to have to get them at a retail pharmacy. Although I work full-time, I bring home less that $1000 a month. There is simply no way I could afford to buy my medications at a retail pharmacy. I would simply have to quit taking them. If this rule goes into effect...you are costing the lives of many West Virginians!

These clinics simply cannot afford to hire a full-time pharmacist. Can you guarantee enough VOLUNTEER pharmacists to staff these clinics? I don't think so seeing as how there is one local retail pharmacy that can't seem to keep a paid pharmacist.

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!!!

L. C. Gunnoe
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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
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Re: Changes in Pharmacy Rules

Dear Sir and Madame:

I have worked in the area of mental health for the past 23 years in West Virginia. In that time I worked mostly in Preston County serving the citizens there. In the past several years I have worked in Monongalia County at Milan Puskar Health Right. I have always been in the business of providing services to those who have little or limited income and who have no insurance.

By design I wanted to finish my career at Health Right because I feel that Health Right does a superb job in serving people who have limited income. Along with their limited income the individuals served have little if any insurance and an inability to access adequate health care.

I have seen first hand the frustration of individuals who come to Health Right after significant problems accessing health care in the competitive market. In many cases individuals have had such problem accessing care that they had stopped attempting to try. Finally, when the people come to Health Right they come with extremely complicated health related problems. These problems are both physical and emotional. In many cases the individuals have used the emergency departments at their local hospitals as their primary care provider. Often they have been written prescriptions that they cannot fill because they cannot afford them. Therefore their health problems continue basically without treatment.

When an individual comes to Health Right he or she can receive health care without any charge, which includes medications. We as concerned providers of health care have attempted to make it as easy as possible for out patients to access not only the primary care but also medications to help alleviate the symptoms of their conditions. It is in our mind unconscionable to make it more difficult for the citizens of our communities to access their medications.

We certainly understand that we want to ensure the safety of our patients. Our medication room is staffed by individuals trained to dispense medications. Our staff is

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supervised by a Pharmacist and they are audited to ensure the safety of our patients. We have had no significant problems over the past 25 years because of our diligence. Health Right does not dispense controlled substances nor do we compound medications. What we do is make it easy for individuals to obtain, what in many cases are, life saving medications.

As you already know we are not asking to be excluded from any regulation. We are asking to have free clinics excepted from some of the stringent rules that would serve to close several of the clinics. If Health Right had to employ a full time Pharmacist it is hard to determine how many other services we would have to forego in order to create a budget line for the expense. As you know there are few retired Pharmacists available and it is doubtful that there are many that would want a full time volunteer position.

Most of the citizens in West Virginia who live at or below the poverty level are not activists. In many cases they have no advocates and that is often the reason that they get further out of the main stream and access fewer and fewer services. At Health Right we advocate for our patients. We serve patients from across the state who may drive 100 miles or more to access health care and medications that they cannot get access to in their communities.

I feel that it is very important at this time to review the rules in the context of providing the citizens of West Virginia the health care they have come to expect and benefit from through their associations with free clinics.

Sincerely,

Jack R. Torsney, Jr., M.Ed., LPC, NCC

Jody Evans, LPC, LCSW, NCC

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Dear Mr. Potters:

I am writing this letter in response to the Board of Pharmacy's proposed rule that free clinics can't distribute medicine without a pharmacist present. I am asking you to please reconsider this.

My father was laid off from the coal mines at 53. He could not find a job with health insurance/prescription drug coverage. He and my mother had to rely on Health Rite in Charleston for medical care and medicine. He was a diabetic and had high blood pressure and my mother had asthma. They could not afford to buy their medicine. Thankfully they got it free from the doctors and nurses at the clinic.

Two pharmacies close to my home have a hard time keeping a paid pharmacist, so how can a free clinic depend on one on a volunteer basis?

If a doctor has the knowledge to write a prescription with a dosage they believe will help a patient then why can they not hand that medicine to them? Any time my husband goes to the doctor he gives him free samples of Lipitor. Are you going to make it a rule that the doctors at paid clinics not be allowed to do this as well? It is the same thing.

Please don't put this unnecessary burden on the free clinics that are offering a great service to those in need. I believe this rule will hurt the low income citizens who depend on these places for help.

Sincerely,

Joyce Johnson

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Free health clinics need your help

By Karen Fitzpatrick, M.D.

FREE HEALTH clinics in West Virginia are being threatened by new regulations from the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy and they need your help!

More than one in five adults age 19 to 64 in West Virginia lacks health insurance coverage. Many people cannot afford medical care and don't qualify for state assistance. They often work low-wage jobs without benefits or are medically disabled.

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If you or someone you know has benefited from a free clinic pharmacy, or if you are willing to speak up for others in need, send your comments to David Potters, West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, 232 Capi-

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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

The purpose of this letter is to oppose the implementation of Senate Bill 722 established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy. Mercer Health Right, along with other free clinics in southern West Virginia, has provided quality health care and life saving treatment regimens for those who had no where else to turn. With 18 years of experience, Mercer Health Right has accommodated our neighbors, friends, and family. The patients who are sent here are often extremely ill and are desperate for medical care, not judgment. Most participants work for minimum wage and are unable to obtain medical insurance coverage. They are low income citizens, not low-lives. These people make up half of the West Virginia population; they deserve just as much rights to their health as do all those who may be reading this correspondence.

As you know, free clinics are the voice of thousands of patients who are NOW at risk, with their health care status in serious jeopardy. It seems as though politicians, organizations, and Americans in general are speaking up more about insurance costs, health care cost shifts, and the growing number of uninsured working poor class. Reported daily are discussions and plans that will HELP these aspects in our future. Yet, in West Virginia, I am utilizing my time to oppose bills that are stating the EXACT OPPOSITE!

The Board's definition of charitable clinic pharmacy is VERY broad and includes *any* non-profit dispensing medication free of charge. The Board has written proposed rules that would require every "*charitable clinic pharmacy*" in West Virginia to have a pharmacist on site OR stop providing free medications to patients who would otherwise go without life-sustaining pharmaceuticals. The Board's rules even forbid our doctors, dentists, and other licensed clinicians from dispensing medications to patients if they are working at a charitable clinic. These regulations must be altered.

Our communities already provide a significant amount to the clinics' operations and would find it an almost impossible task to provide either volunteer pharmacists or the funding for a paid pharmacist as is required in the new rules. If this be the case, the free clinics will diminish and local not for profit hospitals will be utilized inappropriately. Emergency rooms will be used for prescription refills and social work interventions. People who are on life-sustaining medications will be admitted in skilled care units. Cost shifts will be the major issue for our hospitals, health insurance costs will become a major issue for every individual. Hospitals could close due to patient's inability to pay their bill; health care workers could be unemployed. This bill will not only affect those who utilize the free clinics, this bill will affect ALL of West Virginia. This bill is economically damaging to the state.

On a more personal note, the United States of America was once called the *Land of Opportunity;* I for one still want to believe this statement. I think we sometimes forget that not all citizens have the same chances for opportunity. We live in a world where the elderly have to choose between food and medication due to their fixed incomes. Middle aged working men do become disabled and left unable to provide for their families. Seriously, look where we live, our men work in factories, in coal mines, and on construction sites. By middle age, their backs are broken, their lungs and heart are not efficient, and

their bodies are weak. Health care providers, those who YOU rely on when becoming ill, are subject to every disease that comes through their door. Any one of US could possibly the next one who needs help. Where would you turn? We take for granted how fortunate we are to have free clinics and the services of those who work there. Yet, I know many clients who could not live without these resources. These clients are people, people who have worked in this area and have made it a better place, people who are our neighbors and our fiends. Everyone around you is someone's sister/brother, husband/wife, mother/father. Before voting yes for this bill—look at the person beside you. If a free clinic could save a life by providing quality care and sufficient treatment regimens, isn't it worth it?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Dunigan

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

August 21, 2008

Marie Tiffany Bowden
108 Lomax Lane
Princeton, WV, 24740

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I am responding to the proposed rules established by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. On behalf of Mercer Health Right as well as their 18 years of existence; they have been proficient in providing free primary care and medications to the uninsured low income citizens of Southern West Virginia. Case managers at our very own hospitals have utilized Mercer Health Right as part of Holistic Nursing care for the extremely ill as well as citizens who are desperate for medical care and treatment regimens. At this very point my thought processes are this "Only in America we have working members in households making minimum wage with thumbs down access to health insurance and now a legislature absurdly proposes to diminish primary free care and medications to low income citizens".

As you know, free clinics are the voices of thousands of citizens which whom are patients that are NOW at risk regarding their health care status and could possibly countenance a catastrophe with a loved one. Across the United States, many politicians and organizations are discussing ways to HELP the uninsured, reduce hospital costs as well as shifts, and to make available quality accessible health care to our growing number of uninsured working citizens. Unfortunately in WV, the new Board of Pharmacy rules are proposing the EXACT OPPOSITE!

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The community of Princeton WV counts itself extremely fortunate to have a free clinic that can provide such services. If the Boards Proposal is enacted, the heart of the program and free medications for the citizens will diminish. I know many clients whom utilize this wonderful program and their health situation is now in jeopardy.

The human toll this bill exacts is enormous because there will be a cost shift to our not for profit hospitals and health insurance plans for the increased level of care for these client's in emergency departments and skilled care units. Hospitals are not always optimal treatment centers for routine chronic illnesses and could result in much poorer overall health for the patient. It goes to say" when something is not broken, don't fix it". Our community already provides a significant amount of funding to the clinic's operations and would find it impossible to obtain either a volunteer pharmacist or the actual funding for a paid pharmacist as is required in the new rules.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this vital health matter.

Sincerely,

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Date: 8-13-08

From:

Andrea Chandler
RR 4 Box 515
Bluefield, WV 24701-9254

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Sincerely,

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Date: 8-19-08

From: Janet M. Gallagher

Ms. Janet Gallagher
3208 Brook St
Bluefield, WV 24701-5167

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Sincerely,

Edith M. Hinkle

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Date: 8/17/08

From: Barbara C. Quick
1311 Augusta St
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Please help the sick and poor of our area! They need it!!

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Quick

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Date: 18 Aug 08

From: David M. + Bobbi H. Kersey
304 Oakdell Ave
Bluefield, WV
24701

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Sincerely,

David M. K

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cc. Sen. Donald T. Caruth

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Date: Aug. 18-08

From: Rachel Blalock
610 Fairway St.
Bluefield, Va. 24605

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Sincerely,

Rachel R. Blalock

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Date: August 17 2008

From: NORMA MAHOOD-BAY
1 Windsor Circle
Bluefield, VA 24605

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Sincerely,

Norma Mahood-Bay

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Date: 8-23-08

From: Betty Johnson
404 Mt Laurel Dr.
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Sincerely,

Betty Johnson

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Date: 8-19-08

From: Dawn Driscoll
401 Dora Morgan Dr.
Princeton WV

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Dawn L Driscoll

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Date: Aug 19. 2008

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401 Don Morgan Dr.
Princeton, W. V. 24740

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362 Shadetree Circle
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Delores D. Royce

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Date: August 24, 2008

From: Angelah Worley
213 Willowbrook Rd.
Princeton, WV 24740

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From: Beverly Burks
2397 Tom Tom Rd
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Date: August 24, 2008

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4020 Hunker Rd.
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1506
Bluefield WV 24701

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121 White Birch Dr.
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[illegible]
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From: June O'Neil
1710 Augusta St.
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Date: 8/26/08

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425 Bramwell Rd.
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Date: 5-20-8

From: David Woodcock
2000 Hemlock Ln
Bluefield, W.Va. 24701

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From: Rusty Royce
255 Blueridge Ave
Romney WV 26757

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PO Box 720
Bluefield WV 24701

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Rt 2 Box 83
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641 College Ave.
Bluefield - WV
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Date: 8/21/08

From: Shirley Coleman
2707 Crestwood Dr.
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Arbor Ridge Drive
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190 Pipers Ridge Drive
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P.O. Box 410
Bluefield, WV 24701

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P.O. Box 2 Box 1380
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Route 5 Box 22
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Route 3 Box 215
Alderson, W.V. 24910

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Marlene Hager

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From: Claudine Perkins
Route 2 Box 135
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Montcalm, W.V. 24737

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R1 Box [illegible]
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240 12th Street Ext #15
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Rt 2 Box 215 BB
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Rt 2 B132 treetop lane
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RR 5 - Box 249
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HC 81 Box 117
Peterstown WV 24963

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Date: 7/24/08

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123 Box 3324
Princeton W.V. 24740

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RT. 5 BOX 3
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Bluefield, WV 24701

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154 WILLOW OAK DR
PRINCETON, WV 24740

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From: MICHAEL T. HEGSTROM, MD. PLLC
510 CHERRY ST. SUITE 206
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Date: 8/18/08

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2 Dogwood Lane
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3000 W 1st Ave
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505 EADS MILL RD
Hamilton WV 24740

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213 Willowbrook Rd.
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395 Rustic Hill Dr.
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1506
Bluefield WV 24701

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121 White Birch Ln.
Bluefd. W. Va. 24701

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149 Goodwin Chapel Rd.
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PRINCETON WV 24740

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Date: 8/22/8

From: Jennifer Noland
411 Old Bluefield Rd.
Princeton, WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

PLEASE SEE Attached LETTER.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Noland

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that doesn't mean the negative are unseen.

I urge you to reconsider because without medical care for citizens, unnecessary suffering will occur. I am fortunate enough to have been approved for free treatment, while it lasts, and when it ends, I cannot imagine the greif it will cause. You must try to understand the depth of this decision. Please research if you must, but understand right from wrong as well. Having the power to change the world is apparently in the wrong hands.

I understand certain instances where some clinics administer the wrong prescriptions to patients, however those who are correct and have not caused patient harm should not be punished for those that have. I beg you to, please, reconsider. You have no knowledge of the consequences to be incurred by this action.

Signed,

[signature]

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Date: 8-26-08

From: Cheerie Spears
Arbor Ridge Drive
Bluefield, W.V. 24701

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190 Juniper Ridge Drive
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P.O. Box 253
Montcalm, W.V. 24737

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600 Cumberland Road
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501 Oakland Drive
Bluefield, W.V. 24701

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Date: 8-25-08

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240 12th Street Ext #15
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Rt 2 Box 215 BB
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From: Janet Anderson
Rt 2 B132 treetop lane
Bluefield, WV 24701

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RR 5 - Box 249
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Date: 8-26-08

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Princeton W.V. 24740

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154 WILLOW OAK DR
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Date: 8/24/18

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404 Don Morgan Dr.
Princeton WV 24740

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From: Ruth Bramblette
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3000 1st Ave
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From: Amy B Alvis PA-C
231 Medical Plaza Dr Suite 300
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Date: Aug. 18, 2008

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P.O. Box 1957
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Date: August 14, 2008

From: Sara Pentasuglia, RN, MSSL
2110 Greasy Ridge Road
Princeton WV 24740

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From: Byron Smith DO 500 Cherry St
Emergency Department, Bluefield Regional Med Center
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Sincerely,

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Date: 8.18.08

From: Anil Agarwal MD FACC
2315 Spring Garden Drive
Bluefield, W.V. 24701 304-328-7600

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Date: Aug 19, 2008

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1804 Ohio Street
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Kate Richardson ☑ I agree you may publish this letter

~Four Seasons Regional Council~
P.O. Box 4098
Bluefield, WV 24701

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August 20, 2008

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232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

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A. A. Modena
Chairman, Four Seasons Regional Council

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xc: Mercer Health Right, Inc.

Date: 8/18/08

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268 Howard Lane
Princeton, WV 24740

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Sincerely,

L. Whitteker, CEO
BRMC

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126 Oak Grove Ave.
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Richardson

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Date: 8/27/08

From: MR TREVOR REYNOLDS
424 SPRUCE ST
PRINCETON WV 24740

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Sincerely,

Trevor Reynolds

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Date: 8-21-08

From: Theresa Thomason
Rt. 5 Box 142-A
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Date: 8-20-08

From: William Godfrey
Box 211
Mabscott, WV 25871

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Date: 8-23-08

From: Aubrey A Thomason
654 Winterhaven
Princeton, WV 24740

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From: Kristi Mills
Rt. 2 Box 349
McComas, WV 24747

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Bluefield, WV 24701

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Sincerely,

Donna S. Cochum

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Date: 8/24/08

From: Don Murray
HC 71 Box 189
Athens WV 24712

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Donald R Murray

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Date: Aug 24-08

From: Elaine Hager
107 Alberson CT
Princeton W. Va 24740

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1102 Stanley St
Princeton WV 24740

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1184 Henry St.
Princeton, WV 24740

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141 Murray Avenue
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650 Rocky Rd
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745 Pisgah Rd.
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Date: 8/23/08

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6721 Eads Mill Rd
Princeton, W.V. 24740

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Date: 8-25-08

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Rt 2 Box 785 O
Bluefield

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Date: 8-24-08

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P.O Box 3193
Bluefield W.VA 24701

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107 Emory Ave
Princeton, WV 24740

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Date: August 16 2008

From: K.A. & MaryJane Crumrine

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Bluefield, WV 24701

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Charles M. Olmsted, MD
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Date: 8/18/08

David S. Grouse, M.D.
Westwood Medical Park, Unit #19
Bluefield, VA 24605

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MD

David S. Grouse MD (Neurology)

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PS; I have supported our local free clinic over the years, Your proposal

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

August 19, 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy regarding the dispensing of drugs by free health clinics. In my previous capacity as President of the Community Foundation of the Virginias, Inc. and my present role as its Executive Director, I am acutely aware of both the dire need for free clinics in West Virginia, and the difficulty of these clinics to find operating funds.

Mercer Health Right is a free clinic located in Mercer County that serves economically disadvantaged residents and those without health insurance in our area. The Clinic generates operating revenue through fund raising events, charitable contributions, and grants, depends upon physicians and nurses who donate their time, and distributes a substantial amount of pharmaceutical products each year donated by pharmaceutical companies and area physicians.

In my roll as a Director of Bluefield Regional Medical Center, and Chairman of the Board's Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee, I understand the positive effect that Mercer Health Right has had on Emergency Department traffic, seeing patients who otherwise would seek treatment at the ER, increasing the traffic at an already very busy facility. Because these patients are indigent and without health insurance, the treatment they receive would be uncompensated. I also understand that pharmacists are in short supply in the United States, and wonder where more pharmacists can be found to fill positions at free clinics, if indeed the they could meet the financial burden the Board seems ready to impose on them.

I believe that implementing rules to force free clinics to pay a pharmacist to be on site and dispense medications would deal them a devastating financial blow, likely resulting in the closure of many, if not most, of them, creating a true healthcare crisis for the financially disadvantaged patients who routinely go to free clinics for their care, and placing additional burdens on the state's hospitals.

Such action is not in the best interest of West Virginia's indigent patients, its free health clinics, its hospitals, or the Board of Pharmacy itself, and I implore you to revise the rules to enable the free clinics to continue to operate as they have so successfully for so long.

Sincerely,

James H. Shott
Executive Director

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August 17, 2008

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

RE: Senate Bill 722

Gentlemen:

I would like to express my concern over the passage by the Senate of Senate Bill 722 which allows you to set standards for the Free Clinics in West Virginia. It is my understanding under that Bill that Free Clinics will now be required to have pharmacy licenses and hire pharmacists for their clinics.

As you surely know Southern West Virginia, particularly McDowell and Mercer Counties have a large population of individuals who have neither the income nor means to afford medications needed to treat diseases such as high blood pressure and diabetes. The costs involved in providing pharmacists for free clinics in this area would be prohibitive and there is a real concern that many individuals that now receive their medications from these clinics would no longer have the same available to them. Because the cost would not allow them to purchase same, their diseases would no longer be controlled and many would suffer greatly from such a move.

Our local hospitals would not be able to underwrite the cost of providing care for these individuals in their local emergency rooms since most do not have insurance or the funds to pay for their care. Please consider what such a move will do to the poor and needy individuals in this State if such a requirement is forced upon our free clinics.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Pruett

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1629 College Ave., Bfld, WV 24701

P. S. I am fortunate enough to not have these diseases nor to need the care provided by our free clinics; however, being a volunteer with our local Salvation Army and the local Red Cross, I see many individuals regularly who depend upon the free clinics for life sustaining health care.

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1533 Stadium Drive
Beckley, WV 25701

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Mary Lou Brown

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From: Zee Malavia
1606 Augusta St
Bluefield, W.Va.

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1008 Frederick St.
Bluefield, W.Va. 24701

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Bridgeport, W. VA 26701

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2866 Gibson Branch Rd.
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Ulus D. Worrell

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2819 Locust Grove
Bluefield WV 24701

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901 Stafford Dr. 806
Princeton WV 24740

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Edith Monroe

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Date: Aug. 25 - 2008

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501 Stafford Ave. #305
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Date: aug 26, 2008

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901 Stadium Dr Apt 80K
Princeton, W.V 24740

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Date: 8-23-08

From: Ann Henderson
1272 Glenwood Rd Rt 12
Princeton WV 24740

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From: _____
Rt #2 Box 207
Bluefield WV 24701

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2228 Mapee Acres Rd
Princeton WV 24740

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Route 5, Box 342
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Date: 8-24-15

From: Shannon Shields
PO Box 192
Bluefield, W.V. 24701

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From: Ted Skeen
2911 Brook Court Falls Rd
Princeton WV. 24740

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Date: 8-23-03

From: Annie M Lester
RR 2, Box 176
Bluefield WV 24701

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331 ½ Burgess St.
Beckley, WV 25801-5901

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Date: 8-16-13

From: Ceres Baptist Church
Jewel Spence

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

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Date: August 17-2008

From: Brenda Gibson

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Beckley W. Va

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Ceres Baptist Church

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Date: 8-24-08

From: Norman Calicy
Rt #2 Box 383-J
Bluefield, WV 24701

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AUG 28 2006
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-17-06

From: Jean Sheppard
Crab's Baptist Church

To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

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Date: 8-17-05
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From: Dora Rose
232 Arbor Ridge Dr
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152 Bronco Dr
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Date: August 17 2012

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3200 Ridgecrest Rd.
Bluefield, W.Va 24701

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Shirley Akers

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Date: Aug 19, 2009

From: LORRAINE Johnson
R+4 Box 39
Bluefield WVa 24701

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Aug 17, 2008

Date: Corinne E. Owen

From: 214 College Ave
Princeton
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Khristy Shrewsbury RN BSN
Nurse manager

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August 25, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Mercer Health Right
RT.. 2, Box 378
Bluefield, WV 24701

Re: Bill # 722

This letter is in support of our free clinics providing a necessary health care to West Virginians with out insurance. This bill will cut our health care to individuals who have great need, as a state who leads the nation in health care problems we should be trying to help, not make worse. If physicians are trained to write prescriptions they should be able to give them out. Why make it harder on a much needed area of health care. WHO DOES THIS BENEFIT, THAT OUR LEGISLATURE WOULD WANT TO PENALIZE OUR PEOPLE?

We urge our legislature to think of our people and work out a solution to help with our health care. We have seen the good these clinics do and donate any samples we get that we can't use if they stop them what do we do throw them out, that's money and wrong when someone can use them, remember Al Gore said recycle.

God Bless these people willing to help others in need lets make our state healthier not worse, vote for the people for once.

Sincerely;

Tom Sisk Dixie Sisk

Tom & Dixie Sisk
Mercer County
3895 New Hope Rd..
Princeton, WV 24740

Date: 8-26-08

From: A. Kathryn Crouch
2336 Jefferson St.
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HC 68 Box 30-A
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From: Phyllis Thomason
154 Winterhaven Ave
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Date: 8-23-15

From: Nancy Godfrey
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107 Casaloma Drive
Forest VA 24551

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RT 5 Box 142-A
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Willie W. Thomason

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Date: 8-12-08

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Rt 5 / Box 391
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510 Cherry St.
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Date: August 20, 2008

From: Mr. and Mrs. Ward Perry
300 Country Club Dr.
Bluefield, VA 24605

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From: Homer Schreckengost DO
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Bluefield, WV

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Community Hospital

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510 Cherry Street
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629 Fairway St
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231 Medical Park Drive, Suite 300
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From: Kathy Wilds, MD
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To: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

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Mr. David Potters
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Dear Mr. Potters,

I am a family nurse practitioner with 30 years experience in caring for people with chronic illnesses. For the past 18 years I have worked at the free clinic, Mercer Health Right, in Bluefield, West Virginia. The patients that we see are extremely ill, and are desperate for medical care. Most of them work, do not qualify for Medicaid, yet do not make enough money to pay for health care. These are the people that wait on you in Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Wendy's, Hardee's, McDonalds, and many, many other service areas. When we started Mercer Health Right in 1990, I considered it at "stop-gap" measure, and truly believed that the state of West Virginia would soon make provisions to take care of its thousands of people with no insurance. Instead of seeing the situation improve, I have seen it deteriorate. The patients that I see are much sicker, and more desperate than ever for health care and life saving medications. Now instead of help, I see these proposed rules for Senate Bill 722 that would mean certain death for most of the patients that we see. You may think this last statement ridiculous and dramatic, but I assure you it is not. I challenge you to spend one day at our free clinic and then review these proposed rules to see how it would adversely impact thousands of West Virginians. I have devoted the last 18 years in caring for indigent people in West Virginia, and am incensed that my prescriptive authority is challenged by these proposed rules, as is my right to give my patients the life-saving medications that they need. I implore you, and the Board of Pharmacy, that if you truly care about the people in West Virginia, you will strike the proposed rules for Senate Bill 722.

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Dear Mr. Potters,

I wanted to write to you during the public comment period for the rule affecting the newly created "charitable clinic pharmacies." I am deeply concerned that under the guidelines put forth by the Board of Pharmacy, local agencies that provide health care and pharmacy services to families will not be able to do so anymore. Adults will then have to get their medication elsewhere. Parents faced with the choice of medication for themselves or food for their children will choose the food and not take their medication. This puts our families in a precarious situation. This current rule will deny access in some instances to lifesaving medications. It should be designed to provide access to care and treatment, in fact lifesaving efforts.

I understand that the goal is the safety of the patient, but I would urge the Board of Pharmacy to address this issue before it is too late and patient safety and care is adversely affected.

If you have any questions you can reach me at: 304-983-2383 ext. 104 or bigs4kids@labyrinth.net.

"Our work is as elementary as putting an adult in a child's life, and as essential as putting hope into a child's future"

Sincerely,

Sylvia Hawkins

Sylvia Hawkins
Executive Director

United Way

Arnold & Mary Ann Kuhl
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Oct 22-08

Dear Mr. David Potters

Please do not change any rule that would require a pharasist To be on duty at The free clinic pharmacys in West Virginia.

According To The Intelligencer (Whg. newspaper) The intent of SenateBill 722 was not To bring About A crises For 550,000 west Virginians who rely on a low cost medicine ~~supplier~~ supplier.

My wife and I have called all our State legislaters About This We need That pharacy closure To survive - believe me.

We are calling The Gov. As well. I am sure you will do The Tuct Thing.

Arnold & Mary Ann Kuhl

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I am asking the Board of Pharmacy not to make a rule that prohibits free clinics and physicians offices from giving out free medicines. This will not do anything but hurt low income people who cannot afford costly medicines. There are not going to be very many doctors offices that have a pharmacists in their office to allow them to give the medicines. The Doctors' are the ones who give you the prescriptions in the first place, so why couldn't they give you the free medicine if you need it. **PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO THE PEOPLE!!**

Brenda Larabee

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Howard Martin
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Mr. Potters:

Please pass along my comments contained in the letter below.

I am disturbed by the information I received requiring that a pharmacist be present when a physician is providing free medication to a patient at a free clinic. All too often our county, state and federal representatives make decisions and pass laws which benefit a select few to the detrimental of a greater number of people. This is a case which appears to be no different.

The situation will not affect me one way or another; however it does stir anger in me. It is ludicrous to suggest that a physician is competent enough to choose a course of therapy and write a prescription, but is deemed "incompetent" to actually hand over a bottle of medication. Considering the difficult times we are now experiencing, I speculate the Board of Pharmacy and State Legislature could find other more important issues to "resolve" on our behalf.

Respectfully,

Howard Martin

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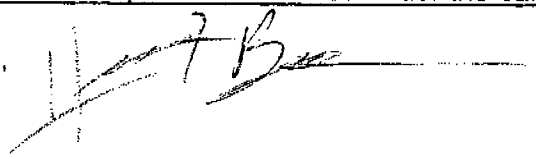

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Date: 8/22/2008

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From: John M & Lynda L Jalad
23 - 7th Street
McMechen, WV 26040

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I Need Medicine from my free clinic.

Due to our low income, my wife and I lacking health insurance since Blaw Knox closed in 1993, we have been blessed to have received help with our medical conditions from Wheeling Health Right, a Free Health care clinic in Wheeling. They also help us with our medications, where we pay only two dollars ($2.00) for each prescription. My wife Lynda, needs nine different medications for high blood pressure, thyroid, sinus conditions, cholesterol, stress and pre-diabetic conditions. I, myself take 12 different Medications for a thyroid condition, high blood pressure, cholesterol, triglycerides, sinus, neck & back pain, acid reflux, and stress. If it was not for Health Right's assistance, we would need to purchase our medications at full cost, which would cause us to quit taking any meds that would not be on a commercial pharmacy $4.00 medications list. (I know that most of ours are not on that list.). Then the extra gas needed to drive or find a way to get to a commercial pharmacy would also add to the burden for anyone. I also know that going out to find a Insurance company that would insure us for medical help is very unlikely due to our many health concerns. I cannot understand the reason to close free clinic pharmacies. The structure and professional help of the personnel at Wheeling Health right pharmacy is in my eyes is no different than any pharmacy in this state. Please, not only for my wife and I but for all the other people who have less than us, let the free clinic pharmacies stay in operation.

Thank You for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John M Jalad

Lynda L Jalad

Date: 8/22/8

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From: Jennifer Noland
411 Old Bluefield Rd.
Princeton, WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Noland

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

To stop providing free medications would be absolutely redundant. Statistically, if I'm not mistaken, 1 in 4 West Virginian's die each week due to not having medical care. Therefore, the numbers would increase dramatically. This is a tragedy. I cannot even imagine why the thought has became a law, it's undeserving even of the thought. I, myself, have no insurance, like most Americans, and to punish the less fortunate, by taking their only medical care away, is terrifying. Have you no heart? Is this a way of population control? Does any of this directly effect anyone passing the law, and if not I suggest doing more research before passing such ludicris laws. This is an awful shameful act. I cannot believe someone could and would do such a thing.

Spay and neuter laws are automatic in some states, when it should be humans, if this is how our government is going to treat its' citizens. This country is becoming so pitiful, I, myself would almost gladly give up my citizenship to not be a part of it's shameful acts. Just because there are wondrous, miraculous deeds done by our country,

that doesn't mean the negative are unseen.

I urge you to reconsider because without medical care for citizens, unnecessary suffering will occur. I am fortunate enough to have been approved for free treatment, while it lasts, and when it ends, I cannot imagine the greif it will cause. You must try to understand the depth of this decision. Please research if you must, but understand right from wrong as well. Having the power to change the world is apparently in the wrong hands.

I understand certain instances where some clinics administer the wrong prescriptions to patients, however those who are correct and have not caused patient harm should not be punished for those that have. I beg you to, please, reconsider. You have no knowledge of the consequences to be incurred by this action.

Signed,

[signature]

P.S. I AGREE to publish this letter.

Date: 8-6-08

Colin O'Donnell

From: Linda O'Donnell

Rt. 1 Box 336

Bluefield W. Va. 24701

589-5550

This is a touching note from one of our patients

To Whom It May Concern:

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Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this Medicine because I don't have any insurance and my husband can't afford to ~~s~~ buy me his medicine attack and not able to work. This is the only way I can live is to get this medicine free. Hope we can get it from now on. Please help the poor and god will bless you

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Sincerely,

Linda O'Donnell

Colin O'Donnell

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Date: 8-13-08

From: JoAnn Salyer
211 Steeles Lane
Tazewell, VA. 24651

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(over)

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JoAnn Salyer

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817 B Staley Ave
Princeton WV 24740

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Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine because I have seizures And I cant cufford to ~~buy~~ buy it it is to expensive And I have to have it if I dont I will have seizures cause I wont be able to buy it so If you could please dont stop the Free Clinic the Free Clinic Realy helps alot of people that cannot afford there very important medicine So please dont do this thanks my medicine is important it cost $300 to buy it and I Cant afford that

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Rock, W.V. 24747

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From: Jack Whittaker
224 Hidden Meadows
Princeton, WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from Free Clinic because I can't buy the medicine. I buy what I can buy at Wal Mart - Kmart Krogers. for $4.00 a month or 90 day supply for $10.00 If it wasn't for Free Clinic, I couldn't get it I would Have to do without. I Have had two Heart attacks, High Blood, sugar, Bladder cancer and more. - I Have to have my medicine to Live. Ive had 5 way by pass. 4 stints. Bottom of my Heart is dead. I don't Have Insurance and can't get it, or pay for Insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack M Whittaker

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Date: Aug 8, 2008

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AUG 25 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Thomas Woods
P.O. Box 693
Pocahontas Va, 24635
(304) 960-1549

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The main reason is, IF I dont get my Medicine which I can Not Afford, I Will die. We the U.S. send Medicine To other Country's. Why cant we do this in our hometown? or Country? I can Not Work right Now, I Am that sick. There is Alot going on with me. "Mercer Health Right" has Saved my Life. Thank you Mercer Health Right.

Please reconsider what your About To do to. Not Just Me, but All the others Also. I Want To Live, Please help Me.

Please, Please, Please, Dont Do This.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Woods jr.

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Date: 8-22-08

RECEIVED
AUG 25 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Linda DeLong
P.O. Box 6053
Bluefield WV 24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would like for the clinic to stay open for those who don't have insurance and can't afford insurance who needs help for any kind of situations needed There are alot of people who have illness problems that can't afford treatments or medicine and people really need all the help they can get. Peaple could lose thier lives or loved ones if they close the free clinics

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Linda DeLong

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Date: [illegible]

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From: Deborah Singleton
231 East Water Twin Alley
P.O. Box 234
Pocahontas, VA 24635

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My name is Deborah Singleton. I recieve free medicine from the Mercer Health Right. I get my medicine here free because I don't have health Insurance. I don't make enough money through my employer to pay for health Insurance. I was denied Medical Insurance through the Department of Human Services. So if I didn't recieve my medicine at the Mercer Health Right. I would have to do without my medicine. I would not have medicine for my blood pressure, dicbetics, and for my feet. Thank you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Singleton

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Date: Aug 13-08

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WV Board of Pharmacy

From: VICKI AYERS
111 College Ave
Pt Pl WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have gone to Mercer Health Right for several years now. The job I have does not offer any type of medical insurance. The salary I make is not enough for doctor's visits or medications. If it were not for Mercer Health Right I would not be able to have any of the medications I need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Vicki Ayers

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Date: Aug. 7th of 08

From: Elizabeth Asbury
P.O. Box 1076
North Tazewell, Va. 24630

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine because without it its hard to tell what would happen to me. I just don't have the money to pay for my medicine. If i had to do without it I would be or could get sick. If i get sick then who would take care of my family they all depend on me especialy my son he has cerebral palsey & can't do anything for his self. Without me he would be hunting I do every thing for him & his dad is in bad shape to. Without my medicine who knows what would happen. Please don't stop giving out medicine at our free clinic. Thank You Very Much -

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Asbury

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Date: August 16 - 2008

From: Norma Jean Bailey
1450 Main St. Apt 203
Princeton, W. Va 24740

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

When I first came to the clinic my health was horrible my blood sugar was over 500 daily - Since being treated by the caring & concerned staff at the clinic with all testing & medications my health has gotten much better thanks to them being able to give me the correct medications - I am a Severe diabetic - I am prescribed two different types of insulin & take 5 to 6 injections a day - in addition I also take Prevacid 30mg - Pravachol 40mg. Lasectil 5mg & Celera 10mg. I have no health insurance and no monthly income and without Mercer Health Rights being able to give me my medication I would not be able to take the medicine that I so desperately need - I have applied for a medical card twice and have been denied both times - Please consider this before you vote on bill # 722 - this medication is life savings for me - as for others also -

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Norma Jean Bailey

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Date: 8-14-08

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From: Chris Julian
123 Brayton Drive
Bluefield, W.V. 24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have a job right now and I have no insurance and I have children, so I need to have to go to the clinic when I get sick, so if they close the clinic down, then I would have to suffer. I could come deathly ill and die cause of no help from the clinic cause they want close it down They need to think of the people instead of themselves. Alot of people have to rely on the free clinic to make it through life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Julian

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/7/15

From: Lisa L. Hall
129 Circus Way
Princeton, WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have epilepsy and take Topamax. This drug for my dosage is at least $5.00 a pill and I have had my medication changed before where I was taking 3 pills a day. My husband and I can't afford health insurance so without this clinic's ability to provide this for me I would start having my seizures again. Prior to getting my medication right I was having up to 10 seizures a day. Please don't pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa L Hall

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2-6-08

From: Linda O'Donell
Rt 1 Box 336
Bluefield WVA 24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We are low income in don't have the money to go to the Doc. & thank God for Mercer Healty Clinics Thay have been a Bless to me. Thay have Bless me with my medications that I can't buy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda O'Donell

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-15-09

From: Walter Davis
185 Braxton Dr.
Bluefield W.Va.
24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it wasn't for my medicine I wouldn't be able to work and provide for my family like a man should

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Walter Davis

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Date: 8-14-08

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From: Ronnie Junior
Weatherly II
P.O. Box 1931
Princeton, WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this medicine because my work doesn't have health insurance. "Plus The state says I make to much to be insured by the state of W.V.a!!! The state does others like me the same way. I work a minium wage job that does not want to give raises. With what I'am payed I can't buy at least one bottle. I have to save from two pay check. This free medicine an free clinics are a god seened. The state wants ~~these pharmacist in~~ those clinics then let the politicans pay for the pharmacist to be in the clinics!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronnie J Weatherly II

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Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The reason I need my free clinic to help me get medicine is because I only may about $35.00 every two weeks. I have rent, gas, and everything else I need. Medicine is way to high of a cost for me to afford it. My grandmother Donna Furan just one of her medicine's cost $180.00 and if she dont have her pills she will die. There is no way she can afford $180.00 for 30 pills. If it hadn't been for the free clinic she would have not get her medicine and neither would I. Thank you so much my free clinic. My grandmother is on disablity and she dont get hardly any money.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

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AUG 22 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 5/6/08

From: Karen Sharpe
P.O. Box 1294
Princeton, WVA
24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have any insurance right now. If it wasn't for this special clinic not only me but lots of other people could not have the medicine they need. God Bless everyone that works here. This clinic is the only place that takes care of the ones who is not fortunate to be able to go somewhere else. If they had to stop having this clinic people like me could not have the medicine they desperately need.

Thanks
Karen Sharpe

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Sharpe

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Date: 8-6-08

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From: Rev. Charles Collins
1048 Greenbrier St
Bluefield, WV 24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The medicine that I take is expensive + without the clinic providing free medicine I would not be able to buy my medicine seeing that I am on a fix income.

So I pray that whomever is in charge will consider how may are in need of help now days

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles Collins

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 20-08

From: Pauline E White

216 East 2nd St

Princeton West Virginia 24740

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because ~~my~~ the free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine. to the people that dont have the money to buy there ~~Where I need~~ that they need medicine ~~from my free clinic~~.

and if they don't receive ~~there~~ medicine they will get sicker or even die

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pauline E White

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 6, 2008

From: Donald J. White
Box 882
Athens, WV 24712

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

A pharmacist is a luxury I cannot afford. I am a struggeling full-time college student who cannot afford health insurance. I can see a ~~D~~doctor for free, but it does me little good if I cannot get medicine I need. A pharmacist is a luxury, and not a necessity. I don't mind to sacrifice the services of a pharmacist to be able to get the medicine I need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald White

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

Colin Adams

From: Linda Akinsoff

RR 1 Box 336

Blackfield Wi. 24301

547-6550

This is a touching note from one of our patients

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this Medicine because I don't have any insurance and my husband can't afford to pay. We need this to live and can't work this is the only way I can live is to get this medicine free. Hope we can get it from you or. Please help us we need God and Colin bless you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Akinsoff

Colin Adams

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Date: 8-17-08

RECEIVED
AUG 25 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Madeleine Blankenship
62, Josh Fork.
Simon, WV. 24882

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Name is Madeleine Blankenship I oppose this bill 722 because I have thyroid problems and high blood pressure and Cholostrol, I take medication Every day for these Problems my thyroid's 2 different pills, a day Lotrel for blood Problems Synthroid for Cholostrol, I take actonel for Ostoporois I take Skelaxin for Fibromyalgia, I get at a free clinic I take ~~Clonapin~~ Clonazepam when needed and if I had to buy all this medicine it would be a lot of money, AND my husband gets SSA. Sec. disabality, it would be Rough to try to buy all that I Need so I ask you to Keep these clinic's open for people that don't have health INS, ~~and~~ like myself, so please Do away with this Senate bill 722. so we can get our medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Passing this bill will hurt a lot of People and change our lives also.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Blankenship

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Thank you for Reading my letter I hope it has helped you to see how inporant this is to a lot of People.

Date: [illegible]

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WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Clayton Hall
109 College Ave.
Princeton, WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not receive medication from any free clinic but I know people who do and I am definitely opposed to the new rules. There are lots of people who can't get their medications any other way and it could be life-threatening for some people to not be able to have their medication. Medication is so expensive now that a lot of people would not be able to buy it. I am opposed to this new rule.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Clayton Hall

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-22-08

Celia O'Donnell

From: Linda O'Donnell

Rt. 1 Box 336

Bluefield W. Va. 24701

589-5580

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WV Board of Pharmacy

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this Medicine because I don't have any insurance and my husband can't afford to get any. He has had a heart attact and not abllee to work. This is the only way I can live is to get this medicine free. Hope we can get it from now on. Please help the poor and god will bless you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda O'Donnell

Celia O'Donnell

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-16-05

From: Rebecca Shrader
638 Grose Rd
Blfd, VA 24605

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it wasn't for Mercer Health Right I wouldn't be able to see a doctor or even get my medicine. As my husband and I are on a low income. I am not disable and can't get medicaid thru the state. I am not old enough to get on Medicare. I have high blood pressure and also a diabetic along with other problems. Without Mercer Health Right I don't know what shape I would be in. I know there are others in may same situation.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Shrader

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Date: 8-7-8

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Rebecca Price
526 Ben Bolt Avenue
Tazewell VA 24651

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the free clinic giving me free medication I would not be able to afford my medication. My allegeries, thyroide and moods would bother me. My allergies would cause me to get very sick and without my thyroid medication I would have a hard time breathing and without my abilify I would have very bad mood swings. Without receiving abilify for free it is $500 dollars and I cant afford to buy medication for that price. I also need the free clinic because I don't have any health insurance to help me to pay for my medication. Without the free clinic I would not be able to afford to buy my medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Price

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Date: 8-14-08

From: Will Stewart
158 Braxton Dr
Bluefield, WV 24701

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Currently I am in between jobs and have no medical insurance. If I became sick or injured, I would have to rely on the free clinic for treatment. This is an important service, especially for an economically challenged area such as Southern West Virginia and south western Virginia

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Will Stewart

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 7-14-08

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WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Lilly Family
219 Braxton Drive
Bluefield, WV 24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There are alot of people in this area that don't have money or insurance. It would be a very bad idea to have the clinic stop giving out free medicine because then alot of people would not be able to receive the medication that they need. We need to find some way to give more people health insurance so they will be able to receive the medication they need to stay healthy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
W. Lilly

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

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WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Melanie Warren
123 Brayton Drive
Bluefield, W.V. 24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There are people that can't afford to go to a regular doctor and some have no insurance and can't ~~[illegible]~~ qualify for medicaid. Therefore, if it weren't for the free clinics, people could possibly ~~[illegible]~~ lose their lives as well as loved ones because ~~[illegible]~~ of no medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Melanie Warren

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Date: 8-17-08

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WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Ruby Davis
185 Braxton Dr.
Bluefield, W.Va
24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I oppose the new rules because everything is going up but your pay-day. By the time you buy gas to get to the doctors office you don't have anything left to buy your medicine and for some people this is a life or death matter. All of us aren't rich.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruby D Davis

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 14, 08

From: Edna Parker
161 Yukon St.
Princeton, WV 24740

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because my daughter doesn't have any health ins. If it wasn't for the free medicine she could not make it. I do oppose the Senate Bill 722.

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matte.

Sincerely,
Edna Parker

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Date: 8-14-08

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From: Angela Collins
150 Brayton Drive
Bluefield, W.V. 24701

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would like for the clinic to stay open for those who don't have insurance and can't afford insurance who needs help for any kind of situations needed. There are alot of people who have illness problems that can't afford treatments or medicine, and people really need all the help they can get. People could lose their lives or loved ones if they close the free clinics.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Angela Collins

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-15

From: Lin Seng

334 Boyd Ave

Martinsburg, WV 25401

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

I would become really sick due to price of medications and in case of emergencies, I wouldn't be able to afford going to the hospital's emergency room.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lin Seng

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-18

From: Terri Mitchell
21-6th Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been being treated for Chronic hep c / depression anxiety headaches hip & back pain. My short term disability has run out. I have no income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Terri Mitchell

Willing to have published ~~yes~~ ____yes ____no

Date: 4/5/15

From: Jessica Hall
246 Woodland Knolls Apt #26
Moundsville, W.V 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a 23 year old. who was diagnosed With Cancer at the age of 17. Without this clinic. I'd be unable to Recieve meds. And would not make it to 24. Try helping these Clinic, were not Rich like you, who sit's on their butt behind huge desk. And drives new cars. Try putting yourself in my place. or what if your child had cancer. And she was unable to get her meds would you Want her to die.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hall

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: August 8th 2013

From: Connie Kay Hall
245 Woodland Knolls Apt #27
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a single mom with 5 children. I work, because I believe in hard work. But I dont have medical coverage. This my job. I am on 9 different medis. I have a bad heart, and without this clinic, and me being able to come here, to get the medis I need. I would die. And my kids, would be without a Mother. I dont recieve huge pay checks like you do. where it doesn't matter. I live on a very tight budget. And this place. is my life line. Maybe you should invest some of your money. And help support c.m.c's like this, instead of trying to shut them down.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie Hall

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 8/20/2008

RECEIVED
AUG 27 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: RICK ROBERTS
10374 W.V. HIGHWAY 47W
COXS MILLS, W.V. 26342-8271

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM SELF-EMPLOYED. MY INCOME IS AVERAGING 400 TO 800 DOLLARS PER MONTH. I HAVE NO INSURANCE. WE DRIVE 90 MILES TO GET MY MEDICATIONS FROM THE CLINIC - I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT GAS PRICES AND THE EFFECT IT IS HAVING ON PEOPLE IF YOU WATCH THE NEWS. MY MORTGAGE AND UTILITIES - PHONE, ELECTRIC, GAS AVERAGES 441.70. MY MEDICATIONS ARE 288.60, IF I HAVE TO GO TO WAL-MART AND PAY FOR THEM OUT-OF-POCKET. I HAVE TO BUY GROCERIES AND GAS ALSO. I CAN NOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE WITH MY MEDICATIONS IF THE CLINICS ARE FORCED OUT OF PROVIDING MEDICATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER THE EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON COUNT-LESS NUMBERS OF PEOPLE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Roberts

✓ I agree this letter can be published.

Date: [illegible]

From: Tom Kearns
1610 South Zane Hwy
Martins Ferry Ohio
43935.

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I feel that for anyone to even feel Like they need to take away from peopl. Is very Selfish. I always worked very hard. My Husband past away in 1999, He was 37 year old. So I had a 4yr & 7yr old to take Care of. And now a 1yr old Granddaughter. I take Care of them myself. It would only take away from those Children, If I had to pay ~~[illegible]~~ full Price for my Medication. Please Don't take away from my Children.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Kearns

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date [redacted]

From: [redacted]

[redacted]

St. Clairsville, OH [redacted]

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been going to nursing school which I was not able to work very many hours. With not working many hours money is tight. My medication would add up to almost $200. Since graduating I haven't had a job yet. I will be getting one but if it wasn't for Health Right I would not have been able to get my medicine which is vital for daily functioning. I think this is a great program and it helps so many people. Low income people need their medication and to see a doctor as well as someone with a higher income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hunt

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: [redacted]

82 Linden Ave.

Moundsville, WV 26041

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I can't afford to pay for my prescriptions at regular price at another place because I live one 7.50 hr. I have to take of my 3 yr. old daughter and pay rent that doesn't leave much to live on with it's. In people like me need this place so

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Ritter

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: [illegible]
40 Monroe Ave.
Wheeling, WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have No perception Coverage without this clinic. I could not be able to Pay for my medications. Please do not close this Clinic. I don't no what I would do. I wouldn't take my medication I guess I would have to take a Chance with my life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

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Date: August 13, 2008

From: Lana Maxwell
195 - 16th St.
Wng. WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from my free clinic because my husband is disabled and we live on a fixed income. I do not have the money to pay for my prescriptions that I need for my health issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lana Maxwell

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

From: Jacqueline Mango
56528 Boyd Ave
Bridgeport, OH 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I didn't have the free clinic and prescription coverage I would't be able to take care of the bills I'm retired but don't have enough income to pay for insurance. I'd lucky so far that most of my medicines aren't for life threatening illness but without the drugs I would have high blood pressure and thyroid problems that could effect my whole body and start to have major health problems. You should keep helping our American people instead of helping other countries. It's important to keep the clinic open.

Thanks

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Mango

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8.3.21

From: Dara L Whiteman
1323 Valleyview Ave
Whg WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a person who is working full-time but only making min. wage. If I am unable to get my medicines I will be unable to work & end up costing the state more money. So the free clinic in my case saves the state money.

I can't imagine not getting my anti-depression prescription I would not be able to get up out of bed, or function in society without it. I would probably end up throwing the 3 years I have in recovery (12-step program) away & using alcohol & street drugs to feel 'somewhat' normal.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dara L Whiteman

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 5-15-18

From: Kathleen Abney
348 22nd Street
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have an income. I am apling for Disable Society Secure. and I have no other way to get my medicine. I really need this way to get my medicine. There is a lot of people with no income that this really helps. Please don't take this away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Abney

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: _____

From: [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a full-time student and am age 22. I have been living independent since the age 17. The only money I make is used for gasoline purchases However, I am on ten medications to remain healthy and stable. Without this clinic I am completely unable to pay for my medications. Without them will result in death. You need to consider the entire population, instead of the only part that is able to pay, I am thankfull for the services I've been provided with and would greatly appreciate it if I can remain alive. Imagine if I was your daughter trying to obtain a career and live a good life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jaime Singleton

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Date _____

From: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am not employed and I'm trying to get disability. This program takes months sometimes years. If this program was not available I would not get my life saving medications.

Please do not pass this. Let us keep our program.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

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Date: _____

From: Zachary Griffith
1114 Baltimore St
Wheeling WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from free clinic because I cannot afford it.
I have panic attacks and without medicine I cannot function.
I also have allergies and need this medicine everyday also.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Zachary Griffith

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Date: [illegible]

From: Connie J. Berger
1001 14th St. Clerk
Glendale, WV 26038

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Cannot afford all them meds would probably Die of heart Complications and or C.O.P.D. also suffer from Chronic Fatigue Syndr.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie J Berger

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Date: _____

From: [illegible]

[illegible]

Dunnville, On N3H 4T7

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

First off these people that work here are WONDERFUL - they work hard for what I'm sure is underpaid!! I cannot afford my medicine that I need to live in society a funcion - Please make note that these clinics are SO important to so many low income families & people - we cant go on without them. Thank You

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Dellazzo

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Date: [illegible]

From: Jo Lynne Waybright
3532 Wood St, Apt 2
Wheeling WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the clinic, I will have no way to get insulin or blood pressure medication. This medication, particularly insulin, means life or death for me. I am on a fixed income and the cost of medication is cost-prohibitive.

I ask that you not close the clinic pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jo Lynne Waybright

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Date: 8/18/08

From: Marjorie Graves
P.O. Box 181
Lafferty, OH 43951

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am the only one working and without health right has always helped me out. The Doctors and pharmacist are very nice and they really care. So do all the nurses. And is very reasonable here

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Graves

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: Steven E. Hostman
611 Faulkner Ave
Martinsburg, WV 25401

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work as much as possible, but still can't afford insurance, and definitely couldn't afford to go to a pharmacy for medication. If it wasn't for the clinic & being able to get meds there, My options for medical care would be grave. So I believe, things should remain as they are, at the clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Hostman

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Vickie Brackett
79 Alla Willa Dr. Apt #1
Charles Town, W.V. 25414

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This clinic and staff have been the best providers for me. I was very sick when I came here in Feb. I lost work and no income. I carried no medical or health for years. I have greatly appreciated the meds that I have been given. If weren't free, I wouldn't be able to take them. I'm gastric and everything I eat hurts... I would not survive without it. Thanks to all staff here, they have done wonders for me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Vickie D. Brackett

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Date: 8-9-12-09

From: Lisa Painter & David Painter
Po Box 1218
Inwood WVa 25428

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Very hard For me and my Father Thay help me with medicine For thyroide and Acide Refluxe Die. And my Father with medicine For Blood pres. And Sugar. And thang's he Need For to take Care of Lis Sugar. I pray that you guy's don't Shut it down Becuse We Both Need the Cline thay are a life Saver. We can't do with out them. and other people come's there Need it to.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Lisa Painter

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Date: 5-12-18

From: Mary Mercer
530 valient circle
Hedgesville wv 25427

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

I couldnt get medical help. & I can not pay for it
I get 999.00 a month and it take all of it to live and pay bills
I can't help my self with any medicational need.
If it wasn't for the free clinic giving me my
Medications I don't know what I would do,
I am a 63 year old woman I live Bye my self,
I can't paid to get help. I have to going to a Heart. Dr
don't know were the money is come from
I would have to do with out my Medications
if it wasn't for the Clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Mercer

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Date: 8-12-08

From: L Michelle Hasdon
P.O Box 295
Charles Town WVA 25414

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

I wouldn't be able to purchase my meds due to high Cost and no job now or low job pays. Things are high for low income people to live in The clinic is greatly appreciated and we need them, or alot of us would be severly Sick. They are excellent and need to be stayed opened. The Community Needs them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
L Michelle Hasdon

X I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-08-08

From: Jennifer Conway
35 Opal Ct.
Martinsburg, WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work as a waitress in Martinsburg, and with the economy as poor as it is currently, business is very slow + I am not making the amount of money I really need. Therefore, I would be unable to afford my prescription without the help of the Free Clinic. If the decision on Senate Bill 722 is not reversed, I will most likely have to stop my medication, which will cause me to slip back into depression, + have an adverse effect on all aspects of my life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Conway

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Date: 5-8-2008

From: Janet Lovell
53 Maryland Ct
Harpers Ferry WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and no other benefits & the clinic is only just not the medicine refills I would probably be dead. This clinic is very dedicated to the many patients they treat for whatever their problem is. If they vote to close this clinic alot of sick people will definitely be bad off & very confused about where to look for help. BAD IDEA!! for closing the Eastern Panhandle Clinic!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janet Lovell

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Date: 8-8-25

From: Shelva Cagle
3304 Chestnut Hill
Harpers Ferry WV. 25425

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

my reason for needing medicine from the free clinic is I have no insurance and that is my only way of getting meds that I need. If it wasn't for the free clinic there would be alot of people not able to get the help they need. it would really be bad if they stopped handing out meds. and helping people that can't afford to get what they need. people like myself and others really appreciate the help we get. Thanks to everyone who works there. [redacted]

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shelva Cagle

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/8/08

From: Edna Warnick
403 West Liberty St Apt 2
Charlestown WV 25414

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if I were not to get my Medication from the Clinic than I could not Afford them therefore I would be sick all the time

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edna Warnick

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/8/08

From: Mendy Curtis
191 Bittersweet Lane
Berkley Springs. W Va. 25411

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because in the State of W Va. I can not get Medicaid because I Work And Can not afford both my Medicines And My bills. I would of have died if it not for the help of the E.P.F.C. We need to have better Government officials that Care for People And just not themselves. I feel for the poor People like myself who is Honest And hard Working And only to be Crapped on by our Government.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mendy Curtis

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Date: ~~7-13-7~~ 7-15-08

From: Pamela Woodward
299 Bloomery
Charlestown WV 25414

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Impossible to get my meds, cost Wise! I have a feeling that the people doing this has Great insurance and does not care. Before you take This clinic away, Feal re all the People You would hurt. It is hard enough to live in this town morey wise. add Prescription cost and people end up without There meds. Please know There is another way for things to be done without hurting the free clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Woodward

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: Joyce A Hurdy
444 Forest View Dr
Keamneysville WVa
25430

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The free Clinic helps people like myself, I can't afford to pay for my medicine and to pay for the Dr. I work at Wal-Mart and no I don't make big money, I have a house to pay for. I have light, phone, trash, car Inc Taxes and other things to pay for. I have seizures and If I go to the hospital about them it's a big bill then their send it to me to try to pay. They don't want to take what you can pay them and. They say that won't even pay for sending out the bill. If I had to pay for my seizure medicine ~~I would~~ have the seizures every day because I can't afford to buy the medicine. Please allow the clinic to help people like myself

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce A Hurdy

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If the free Clinic had to have a pharmacist to provide medications how would it help them to be a free clinic. Where would you get a pharmacist to work for free, The Idea is to help people that need it

Date: 8-14-08

From: Deborah F. MaComber
52 Grannys Ln.
Harpers Ferry WV, 25425

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

1- I would be unable to get the medications needed.
2- A major inconvience to go somewhere else.
3- Cannot afford to purchase medicines
4- The Clinic has always been helpful in answering any questions I may have about my meds.
5- Convient to see Dr. & pick-up meds at the same time - for I have issues with transportation

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah F. MaComber

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08-14-08

From: Larry Guerra

PO Box 1312

Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

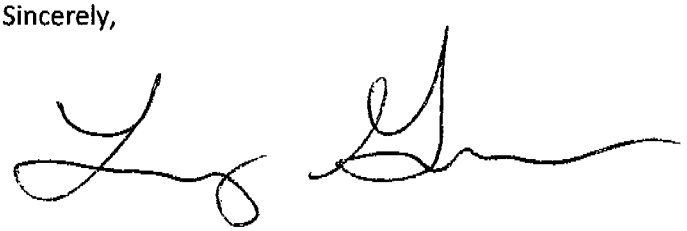
I need medicine from my free clinic because I do not have medical insurance. I do not have medical insurance because I was injured volunteering as a firefighter. Due to my injury, I have had to have surgery on my foot. The free clinic has helped me in many ways. I started to have lower right abdominal pain, since I do not have insurance because I only had a part-time job; I heard about the free clinic and called them to see if I qualified.

I qualified, and they set me up with an appointment at their earliest convenience. When I had my appointment, which I had not been to a doctor in 5 years, I had many diagnoses which needed to be treated by medication. If it were not for the free clinic, I would not be able to afford the medication or health care that I receive.

I am very thankful for the free clinic that we have here in our county. I know, that Leona Cook and many volunteers have worked very hard for others in their community that can not afford medical care and medications. It is a blessing to have people in the community that help others with services like this.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Larry Guerra

Date: 5-15-25

From: Gwen Raines

616 3 national fruit Rd,

Gerrardstown WV 25420

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If we couldn't get our medicine from the free clinic I would not be able to live because my meds are so high that I can't afford them at a pharmic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gwen Raines

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-05

From: Jenny Slusher
514 S College St Apt A-1
Charlestown WV 25414

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

beyond words. for myself I'm a 62 year old Grandmother taking care of a diabetic granddaughter by myself. if not for the free Clinic I truly feel as if I wouldn't be living Today. after getting medicine for her there was never enough money for my medicine or doctor visit's. They help so many others like me. the kindness & caring they show is heart warming. Plus you're treated with respect which means so much to a person.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jenny Slusher

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 4/7/08

From: Deborah May
237 Locust Drive
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

without this clinic I would be in very bad shape. I have high blood pressure & acid reflux and I can't afford to buy the meds. I need. I'm an older (56 yrs.) single mother of 2 young boys (2+4 yrs) and money is tight. They provide my visits, meds. & even helped me get new glasses I needed for driving. They have been a blessing to me and I can't thank them enough for this help. I hope & pray they can continue to help not only me but everyone that needs it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah May

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 1-9-15

From: Erica Helms
Shepherdstown, WV

201 W Burke St Apt 2 f 2
Martinsburg WV
25401

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Unfortunately, without the benefits of modern technology & healthcare, my quality of life goes down. My health is poor without medicine. It affects my family as well as my co-workers when I am to sick or weak to function. Every individuals' health is important. We've been blessed with a team of intelligent and people to help us, your law is making it a little difficult for free Clinics & healthcare to be a success. The law in question is both inappropriate & unfair. Reconsider with lives in mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Erica Helms

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: Vickie Gregory
334 Rear East Dave
Mannington, WV 26501

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from the free clinic because I am not able to buy the medicine at the pharmacy due to lack of insurance and temporary financial problems / setback due to employment / education issues. If I would have to go without medicine my diabetes would not be in control and there would be many medical issues and possible disabilities which would be detrimental to my self and a burden to the state and society,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Vickie L Gregory

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9/08

From: Jennifer Brashear

1358 Rock Cliff Drive

Martinsburg WV 25401

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I didn't have my medications my quality of life would at best be poor. Medication costs are so high. With gas prices a day today cost of living, without the clinic's help I would not be able to take any medications. My medications are fundamental for a healthy life!!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2/15/15

From: Alan Newman
574 Eagle Ave
Charles Town WV
25414

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have really been needing medical attention for a while and if it were not for the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic & the people whom work there I would be in bad shape. I have gout, high blood pressure, and diabetes. I am not employed because I could not work for more than a week then things would flare up which would make me miss at least 2 weeks of work which ends up for dismissal from job. I have been really feeling better & getting around way more because of the free meds & doctor's visit. There is no way I could do this without the Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic assistance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Newman

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Teri VanCamp
PO Box 317
Raleton WV 25410

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can get to the point very fast- there is NO way I could afford the cost of the meds I am currently on. The service that you all provide for me is irreplaceable as for others like me. Please do not discontinue this service

Thanks for all the help!

Teri S VanCamp

(patient)

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Teri S VanCamp

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: T W Barron
Martinsburg, WV 25401
101 B.S Kentucky Ave

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been a patient at the free clinic for about one year and currently receive SS disability and during that 1 year period I had no medical insurance nor a prescription plan. The clinic has provided me with a great service being on a fixed income I was unable to afford medical care and I definitely could not afford all the medications prescribed to me. Unfortunately, my Medicare has become effective and I will no longer be able to continue to come to the clinic. I think it is a necessity for the uninsured and underprivileged to feel that there is place they can go to have their medical needs taken care of if they unable to afford the expenses.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tommy W Barron

[X] I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: [illegible]

526 South George Street Apt G-2

Charles Town WV 25414

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM SO SORRY THAT YOU ARE LOOKING OUT FOR MY WELFARE. BUT JUST THINK A MINUTE I HAVE BEEN COMING TO THE FREE CLINIC FOR AWHILE. THEY HAVE TAKEN CARE OF ME LIKE FAMILY. I HAVE NO CAR. I BARELY FEED AND TAKE CARE OF MYSELF NOW PLEASE TELL ME HOW I AM GOING TO GET TO WAL-MART AND WHERE AM I GOING TO GET AN EXTRA 30.25 PER MONTH TO BUY MEDICATIONS? TELL ME HOW? THIS FREE DOES A GOOD JOB AND HELPS A LOT OF PEOPLE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 3-14-08

From: Sue Staats
150 GrayRock Rd
Charlestown WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I wouldn't Know what to do, if I didn't get my medicine from E.P.F.C because I have no insurance or medicade I Just got layed off my Job, and things are really getting bad right now, So please Keep the Clinic the way it is, you will be helping alot of people, who need it Thank you,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Staats

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 17, 2008

From: Laura Anne Page

812 Cedar Lane

Martinsburg, WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My employer does not provide medical insurance to me and my income is insufficient to cover the costs of daily living and medical care. It has been an enormous blessing that EPFC has been able to assist with medical care and medications during this season of life.

I have an underactive thyroid, diabetes, chronic kidney disease and depression. Without the medication provided by EPFC, I would truly not be able to function and would be a drain on society.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Anne Page

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2/13/05

From: ARLA FONTAINE
319 SPRING ST. #205
HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:
Extremely difficult, if not catastrophic for me. I receive (nine* meds & there is no way I could ever afford them at their Regular prices (ex. $1200 per mo.). I am a senior receiving under $1K per month from Social Security.

Please do NOT pass Senate Bill 722. We lower income people desperately need your help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Arla Fontaine

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* absolutely necessary to live a normal life.

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
P.O. Box 653
Martinsburg, WV 25402

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

I am a diabetic and without the clinic I would possibly have died by now. 9 1/2 medications, about 10 are very expensive and I can not afford them. The meds that I need are not on "the list" at most pharmacies for a discount. I went without my meds for two months and became deathly ill before I found out about the clinic. The "free" clinic is a Godsend for patients without insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: Josh Crawford
P.O. Box 858
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Life-altering. One of the main reasons I have a quality-life is because of the free medications at E.P.F.C. in Charles Town, WV.

I owe a debt of gratitude for the supplemental medications that are provided. Without them, I am confident my health would suffer.

Please reconsider any decisions that would impede their practice.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wm. Josh Crawford

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-25-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Sandra Kilpatrick
28 Rose St Lot 33 South
New Martinsville

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not pay for my medicine
I am on low wages

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra Kilpatrick

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

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DEAR BOARD OF PHARMACY

WHY I NEED MEDICINE FROM MY FREE CLINIC:

I HAVE MYOMA FIBROID. IF I HAVE A PERIOD MY BELLY IS HURTING.

LOW INCOME. THIS IS THE ONLY HEALTH WE HAVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY

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Dear Mr. Potter.

I have one friend that would probably not be alive today if it were not for free health Clinics.

Another friend was having diabetis related eye problems, And she received free medical help at Morgantown.

Thank you for the work you are doing.

May God Bless your efforts

JoAnn Whitaker

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy,

Why I need the medicine from my free clinic, without it I would not be able to get meds that I must have.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Steven Southerly

Willing to have published? yes or no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

[illegible]

Why I need medicine from
my free clinic -

I need my medicine
and income only allows me
to go here for cost and service

Thank you,

Sincerely, Cecilia Mayo

[illegible]

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need it for my medicine + Doctor

Sincerley - - Catherine McKinney

Willing to have published?

Yes - or no

Date: 5/12/18

From: Patricia K. Lilly
173 Heights Ave
Martinsburg, WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

I would die without my meds. I am diabetic and suffer from depression & anxiety I don't have insurance, nor can I afford it. The clinic is my only resource for medical help. I have been employed for 40 yrs and paid into the system. I am currently unemployed as I am a "caregiver" to my 91 year old mother. The clinic has a trained & caring staff... You should care as much.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patricia K. Lilly

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2-1-19

From: Cheryl Hambrick
3320 Wild Ginger Pkwy
Mtsbg WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Critical for me. I have high Blood pressure and type 2 Diabetes. I can not afford the medications I need. I would love to be around to watch my beautiful granddaughters grow up. Without the life sustaining meds I need I might not be able to do that. The free Clinic has helped me in so many ways. I could not thank them enough. With the high costs of both Doctors & meds it is hard to be able to pay bills & buy food and still get the proper meds we need to survive.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hambrick

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 11, 2008

From: Michelle Milton
20307 Youngstown Ct #2401
Hagerstown MD 21742

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

My mom (Anna Milton) is a patient at Eastern Panhandle Clinic. If it were not for the clinic she would never be able to see a doctor. Thanks to the clinic they help her w/all her meds for free. My mom has no income & I can't afford to pay for my own drs appts let alone hers. The clinic has sent her to specialists where she's had cancer removed. Thank God for services like this if you take away the free pharmacist she'll not be able to take any of her meds which she ~~does~~ desperately needs. Please don't punish my mom + other patients just because they're low income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Milton

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2/6/13

From: Michelle Mutton
31 Mountaineer Ct
Charlestown Wv 25414

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single Mother of two little girls. There father takes care of there medical needs. I work a part time job which no medical is available. I have a stomach ulcer that has had me layed up for weeks at a time. The free clinic has helped me with my medication. Which I couldn't afford.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Michelle Mutton

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/8/08

From: Etta Baker
612 N Preston St Apt 1
Ranson WV 25438

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

One reason is I have no way to pay at all for them. It takes every penny my husband make to live. If the clinic didn't have this program. I be at the hospital on a daily visit. So they could control my high blood pressure as well as my diabetes. Sent I have no insurance that would be come a very high bill really fast. If you wanted to help people in W.V. who come to the free Clinic you should pay for a pharmacist out of the taxes we as residents pay into you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Etta Baker

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2/08

From: Alice Thurston
414 W Liberty St
Charles Town WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My medication cost alot of money and on my salary there is no way I'll be able to pay for alot of my medication My glubrize cost some weeks around $100.00 if not more and I could not pay for that, I would end up in the hospital with out my medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice Thurston

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9-4-24

From: Becky Garcia
112 Picture Pt Dr Apt 6
Martinsburg, WV 25404

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the help of the free clinic in receiving my medicine I would die. It's as simple as that. I've been an insulin dependent diabetic for 45 yrs (August 1964) I cannot afford $85-100 per bottle of insulin as I take two different types of insulin. They also provide me with a meter to keep my blood sugar monitored, without the meter + test strips etc) It would be next to impossible to know when + how much insulin to take. They also provide me with all of my necessary medications (pills).

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Becky Garcia

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/8/08

From: Mildred LaPread
66 Retirement Lane
Apt 205 Martinsburg WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a widow on Social Security and can not get Medicade or Medicare. If the clinic was to shut down I would not be able to get my COPD. Medication and my Test for High Blood Pressure this Program is very important to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mildred LaPread

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 7th, 08

From: Theresa A. Ricks
432 Forestview Drive
Berkeley Spgs. WV 25411 (Morgan Co.)

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Asthma is a terrifying experience. In my experience, it literally constricts to the point where-in I can swallow nothing and am in danger of passing out. The EPFC (free clinic) provides me physician-care and is also able to send me home with FREE inhalers and antihistimine meds. My income is provided via S.S.D.I., as I am currently disabled. A fixed income offers little lee-way (sp?) in the face of escalating utility, insurance and gas prices. Surely, free prescriptions are a God-send for those of us who must decide what food and other necessities to purchase. Please help the Free Clinics continue to provide our needs. Don't encumber them... it does matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Theresa A. Ricks

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8.11.25

From: Mary E Vanorsdale
14161 Buck Creek Valley Rd.
Ridgeville, WVa. 25427

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

disastrous. I do not & can not afford insurance. I had worked until my job went to Mexico & China. (France also). There went my insurance. I am raising 2 grandsons on S.S. and a very small retirement check. I could not afford Dr. Appointments, tests, medication etc. I have battled high blood pressure, high cholestrol and Colon Cancer. This clinic has been a God-send to me and the boys. Without me to raise them I don't know what would happen to them. There are many, many more people in the Tri County area. I beg, please keep this Clinic open and the Pharmacy + free meds available for the sake of the Children our Countries future.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary E Vanorsdale

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/19/16

From: Charmaine Thomas
54 Faith Dr Apt 3B
Martinsburg WV 25404

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I've had three (3) Heart attacks and if I didn't get the medications that I need it probably would mean death for me, due to my conditions I lost my Job and I've had to settle for a lesser paying Job with no benefits. Therefore without the Free clinic and all they've done and are doing for me I'm sure I wouldn't be around to write this letter. Please Keep this and all free clinic available to all that are in need of medical health and prescriptions

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charmaine Thomas

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: July 14th 2018

From: Kimberley O. Custer
203 East 14th Ave.
Ranson WV 25438

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Devistated! Because I was diagnosed with High Blood Pressure, I don't know what I would do or how my life has been affected because of it. I could not have been able to pay for the medications that I needed for that. I'm glad that there is a place like this one, so that I can get the help that I need because without it. They would probably be writing a Rip. on Death!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberley O Custer

☐ ~~I~~ agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: [illegible]
#2167 120 #6
Kearneysville WVa
25430

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The free clinic has helped a friend of mine so much she can't afford her medications and her bills and to take care of her children on what she makes. She needs the help very much. She has had a lot of problems with seizures and other things. The drug store is so high she tried not to get her seizure pills because she couldn't afford it then she didn't take them and she ended up in the hospital. The Free Clinic helps her to have the medications. They say if she didn't have them she could die, and I don't want her to die. Please help the Clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda McBride

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: DONNA LUNA
198 Cottrell Rd
Martinsburg WV
25403

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Bad For me and many Like me I have been unemployed since Feb 29. and with the price of gas Food there just not enough money for med. too. so if I wasn't getting them Free I would not be taking them every day as need and with my many back problems I diffently need there Help because I have no Insurance. So Help them don't Hurt them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Luna

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Melissa Bachinski
2617 Summit Point Rd.
Summit Point WV 25446

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

OK First I was a person that Worked hard, had Back Surgery, lost my job Had NO Income I was in Horrific Pain in my Back NO Money The Surgeon would not see me because I had NO INSURANCE Due to the fact that I couldn't Work Because of Back pain. When I came to this wonderful ~~FREE~~ FREE CLINIC I was a wreck, they CARED They helped me w/ not only therapies, but meds that help my Back pain tremendously !!! w/o the Meds that they have me on I would NOT be able to work at All.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bachinski ☐ I agree you may publish this letter

I am hoping to be able to get ahead enough to have my own insurance but until then This Clinic's ability to give

[illegible] this community [illegible] cannot afford
to Purchase them. I am also on
Allergy Meds as I have horrible allergies
w/ them I end up w/ pneumonia.

This Clinic cannot afford to
Hire a pharmacist. Perhaps "YOU"
could set up funds to "Pay" a
"pharmacist" to Work to dispense
medications. at the "Free Clinic".

Melissa Bochinski

Date: 8-6-08

From: Steven Perkins

604 Russell St.

Charleston, WV 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was diagnosed with diabetes 2 years ago and have just moved to the area. I unfortunately don't have steady income. This place has really been a life saver for me to continue to get my much needed medicine to regulate my diabetes.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven Perkins

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: David Eugene Parsons
205 Ranchlake Blvd
Scott Depot, WV 25560

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'am 51 years old and on Social Security. I Have heart problems and Kidney failure. Without the free clinic I would not be able to pay for my prescriptions. I think if you pass this law it will be devasting to me. Please think about the impact this will have on all who rely on this ~~prodd~~ program. Everyone on this program can't afford to pay for there prescriptions.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
David E. Parsons

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-2008

From: Terri Patton
PO Box 949
Elkview WV 25071

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single parent, I work a temporary part-time job that doesn't provide insurance. Without this program I would not be able to pay for my medications. I would suffer a hardship without this program. Health Right has helped me with many medical problems. Please reconsider your ~~decis~~ decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Terri L Patton

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 6 2008

From: Rhonda Payne
919 Red Oak
Charleston WV 25302

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If the clinic won't be able to help with medicines there will be so many that won't be able to afford the medicines needed.
This service is needed to help low-income and elderly.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Payne

X I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Vanessa Pettry
P.O. Box 381
Cedar Grove WV.
25039

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am writing to the Secretary of State, because if it was Not for the free Clinic I would Not be able to get my Medicine. I have NO insurance to go to a private doctor and to pay for my medicines. The clinic has been really good to me. I am a diabetic and can Not afford my insulin and the rest of my meds. So please leave the clinic like it is. They are Good Sent. Please I don't want to die because I need my meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Pettry

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7 08

From: Margaret Parker
304 364-9039
HC 62 Box 198-B GASSAWAY WV 26624

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I stepped on a nail May of 2008 it Aug Now My Foot has not healed. I Could not pay for Medicare or the High Cost of a a Clinics all so the Medicine I recive I Could Nuver be able to Buy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Margaret Parker

X I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-06-09

From: Ronnie D Pauley
450 Barrett St
St. Albans WV 25177

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

People who have no medical Insurance are the ones that suffer. I'm unemployed very Sick with Diabetes and high blood pressure I have depression really bad. I have problems with daily living much less trying to get my medications. This is my only source of medication for me. Or seeing a doctor. I've had to borrow money I can't pay back to get medication. This may seem to be minor problem to you but for me it's a major prolem my survivle of life depends on Health Rite and staff. also I'm very thankful for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Pauley

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/16/06

From: Brian O'Malley
1660½ Dixie St Apt C
Charleston, WV 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Although I make $8.00 an hour at my place of employment, it isn't always enough. I am 21 yrs old and I am $23,000 in debt. I also have fines and bills to pay in very large amounts and after all my expenses, I am lucky if I can even buy food. I find it very pertinent to keep these programs in effect because not only are there many people who can't afford medicine because of monetary obligations, There are MANY low income families who just cannot afford prescriptions to care for themselves or for their children. Sorry to be graphic, but terminating these programs can, sadly, also result in unnecessary suffering or untimely death for many health patients

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: P.O. Box 984
Hurricane WV
25526

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If WV Health Right were unable to provide medications for me + hundreds of others - It would be devastating for my whole family. Without my medicine I become unable to walk - My muscle will cramp + tighten so much that they cause my joints to swell and lock up. It is very painful - My feet + toes will curve under, leaving me almost unable to walk. Without the medications I receive from Health Right almost all my family activities would end such as Camping, fishing ect - Let me make it a little more clear on how important this medication

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristy Rose

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 18, 2008

From: Dorothy Ragland
518 Bolt RD. #12
Chas, WV 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am taking high blood pressure medication. Also HCTZ. This medication keeps me from having a stroke. I can't afford to pay full price for medication. Please DO NOT take my free clinic and medication from me. It will hurt a lot of people. Also, their health will be in jeopardy. It will cause a crisis.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Ragland

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-2008

From: Beulah Prince
Rt 1 Box 900
Dingess WV 25671

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and can not afford to go to the doctor and pay for my medicine. so I really Thank god for Health Right it is a blessing to have a place to go when you are sick or just need your regular medicine you have to take every day. I really don't know what I would do if I couldnot get my medicine here.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beulah Prince

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: DORIAN PATTERSON
4410 MACCORKLE AVE #205
Charleston, WV 25304

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am cursently unemployed, and I do not have money to get my Medicine from an outside Pharmacy. Because of the importance and necessity of my Medications (high Blood pressure, and overactive bladder) the service That Health-Rite Provides is most necessary for Health reasons as well as economic reasons

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Dorian Patterson

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Ryan Jewett
1023 Avesta Dr.
St. Albans WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

no insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan Jewett

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Carmen L. Johnson
Rt 12 Box 289C
Hurricane, WV 25526

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Do not make enough money to pay full price for medicines, would have no way of paying for medicines, would have to do without medicines, if there was no clinic. Had to have surgery twice! Had heart attack, would have laid there and died if I had not had Health Rite to pay my bills, cause no way could I have ever been able to afford surgery. They have been my life line and should be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

We should all be thankful to have a place to go.

Sincerely,

Carmen L Johnson

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Cause the Senate will not give me Insurance or pay my bills, I work Full time and still can

Date: 8/13/08

From: Dennis James
PO Box 46
Blue Creek, WI 54406

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Im out of work and cant get medicine. The free clinic helps me get treated and takes care of my medicine which runs about 376.00. If you take the free clinic away I wont be able to do it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis James

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-07-08

From: Gregory D. Jones
4909 Washington Ave SE #3
Chas, WV 25304

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without help from WV Health Right I could not afford medicine. HR staff & free medical coverage & medicine is a blessing to me & my family.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Greg Jones

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Tammy Kirsy
3745 Springfied Dr.
Charleston W.V. 25306

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I Dont Have this clinic I would'nt Be Able to get my medicine. I need to get it to stay Healthy for my kids. Their still young and they need their mom to take care of them. I thank the staff her for Having this clinic. I Dont know What I would do with out it

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-13-2009

From: James King
1624 Stockton St
Chas. WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I did not get medication from my free clinic I would not receive any medication and then I would get sick and maybe die. I have no other way of getting my medication any other way. So please do not shut this down.

DONALD KING

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joanna Smith for
James King

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Gary Knight
1025 W. Va Ave.
Dunbar, WV. 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 65 yrs. old and have health problems that require meds. I have no insurance and can't afford to pay the price at a drugstore. I don't know what to do without Health Fair.

Thank you,
Gary Knight

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Knight

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/4/88

From: Linda Keener
P.O Box 392
Poca WV 25159

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because i can't get a medical Card or Afford health clns. on my own. I am a diabetic and really need my Meds. and if wasn't for WVHR I would not be able to afford the medication or a doc. Visit

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Linda Keener

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Deborah Kedwell
172 East Point Dr
Charleston, WV 25311-1805

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I didn't receive my blood medicine from this clinic I would be able to get it at all and without this medicine I would not live for very long

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kedwell

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-07-08

From: DONNY KYLE
204 Monterey dr
ST. ALBANS W.V. 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I personally need medicine from this clinic because I dont have the proper finance's to afford them on my own, Im working All I can my job does not have medical insurance, this place is A Blessing From God IF your In my shoes AND Just getting your life BACK together And Finally my HEALTH, I owe my life litteral to this Place. Im taking my Insulin For my sugar And thats A First IN years Thanks A million to HEALTH Rite.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donny Kyle

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From:

1555 Therolare Rd

Clendenin WV 25045

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without out the help from Health Right and the medicine they provide to me, Me or my husband could afford them. We could not afford buy them from anywhere else and would have to go without the medicine we needed. I'm so glad they are here to help me and don't know what I will do for my medicines if they are not allowed to fill them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Keaton

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/10/08

From: Ruth Koontz
P.O. Box 199
Littleton, WV 24581

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am a single person. I am self employed in a small community, I don't make enough to pay for my medication, I pay monthly premiums for hospitalization but after other bills, gasoline to work and other monies I don't have anything left for medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Ruth Koontz

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: Teresa Keener
4902 old turnpike Rd
Little Birch WV 26629

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have No insurance Very little Income
+ With the Prices of Medications at a Very
high level There is no way I Could afford
the medications I need Without this
Clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa Keener

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-11-08

From: T. Landers
Rt. 1 Box 110A.
Poca WV 25159

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

free clinics provide very life saving procedures as well as medications to the public who can not afford them. there will be more expenses in deaths and hospitalizations then there is now. I feel the government would leave their hands out of everything, the country might run smoothly for once. So please leave the free clinics and pharmacies alone to do the best thing this state has going for it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
T. Landers

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug-11-08

From: Arnie, M. Layton
1012 Witcher Rd
Belle, WV 25015

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Cant not afford to buy my medicin. it takes every thing I get to Pay my bills, [redacted]
if I cant get my pills here I would have to do with out.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Arnie M Layton

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Sally Log
107 Hunton Terrace
Charleston WV 25301

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 54 no insurance, I have type 2 diabetes + take an antidepressant Lexapro which runs me 379. a month without the pharmacy discount. Please vote for the pharmacy to continue this service.

Sincerely
Sally Log

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Sally Log

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-11-08

From: Linda Mullins
62 Ruth Road
So. Charleston W.V.
25309

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Worked all my Life. Now I have no Ins. or no Prescription Ins. I would have to do without Meds & No Doctor Visits. Had a lot of downfalls in my life Buried 2 husbands Have a son paralyzed. People need to get into the real world. There's people out here that work hard every day. It's not there fault this system has failed us all. We need these free clinics, who could afford Doctors & Rx. with the price of things & employers cutting every day.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Linda Mullins

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/4/15

From: Larry Laughlin
Rt 2 Box 66
Archbald 18403

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without Health Right I could not afford my blood pressure medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Laughlin

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/18

From: Bonnie Laughlin
RJ 2 Box 362
Arnoldsburg WV 25234
304 655 8251

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband works almost every day. We still cannot afford medications or medical insurance. We have made several call, still cannot afford the insurance programs. Without Health Right we could (would) not be able to see a doctor or get meds. We have used your dental program. We have used several of your programs you have available. Without them we would not have any medications for either of us. In my case you have treated me & my illnesses. In some cases I would have died if not for your treatments and med. I could go on & on. I'm running out of room.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Laughlin

☐ ~~I~~ agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Floyd E Legg
Rt. 2 Bx 72
Buffalo, WV 25033

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I CAN'T Afford to Pay Full Price with my Small Income. If I Can't Get my Drugs free I will have to Do without Please help

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Floyd E. Legg

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-6-08

From: LANTZ LEWIS
503 LEON SULLIVAN WAY
CHARLESTON, WV 25301

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm IN A 10 mth PROGRAM AT THE Union Mission, (under Director SNEED) With IN THIS 10 mth PROGRAM, I AM NOT ALLOW to WORK TO The In Depth STUDY, AND THERE WORK Detail

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
LANTZ LEWIS

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Date: 8/4/08

From: PAMELA S. LEIGHNER
1506 Virginia St E #106
Chas. WV 25311

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm 45, WORKING/MAKING @ 6.75 HOUR. IF I HAD TO PAY FOR MY PRESCRIPTIONS AROUND @ 300. FOR 3 MONTHS. I WOULD NOT TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD RENT, UTILITIES AND FOOD. I WOULD BE HOME-LESS, SICK-FROM NO PRESCRIPTIONS AND HUNGRY.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Pamela S. Leighner
1506 VIRGINIA ST. E #106
CHARLESTON, W.V. 25311

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Date: 8.14.08

From: Roger McMicken
940 Hope St.
Madison, WI 53730

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no income; am disabled; have filed for Disability Social Security and have not yet received any response.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger McMicken

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Date: 8-14-08

From: GARY Meadows
1503 Kirkwood Rd
Char. WV 25311

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Low INCome. I have high blood Pressure AND PAIN IN MY back This MEDICINE helps me IN MY WORK AND lively hood,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Meadows

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Date: 8/7/08

From: Scott A. McMillion
3517 - F Spring Fork Dr
Charleston WV. 25306

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this clinic I don't know what I would do with out them, I thank God for them, "Please let them help us."

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Scott McMillion

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Date: Aug. 4, 2008

From: WANDA McDuffie
115 Oak Dr. Apt J
Dunbar, WV 25064

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My daughter comes to this clinic for her medicine. She is a widow with 2 children at home. She has a very limited income. If she has to pay full price for her medicine, she will be unable to pay for it. Therefore, she will have to stop the medicine and I am afraid I will loose her. She had a heart attack and the medicine is very costly.

Please rescind this bill

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wanda McDuffie

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Date: Aug. 6, 2008

From: Inez Milam
5478 Elk River Rd N
Elkview, WV 25071

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband and I live on $1006.00 a month S.S. After paying utilities, food and other small items, we do not have enough money left to pay any doctors visits or precriptions. If not for Health Right and their programs, I do not know what we would do. I have asthma and high blood pressure. My husband has a heart problem and blood pressure problems. Health Right is greatly needed in this area and we appreciate them and trust the people who work with this program.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Inez Milam

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Date: 8/8/2008

From: Louise J. Milam
110 MAIN AVe.
Apt 1 Nitro, W. Va. 25143

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medication I can't afford my medicine's without this clinic. It would hunt a lot of people because Everybody Can't afford a lot of money. So please don't close our pharmacy. Thank you.
Louise J. Milam

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Louise J. Milam

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If the Senate Bill 722 requires all free clinics to have a pharmacy it will hurt a lot of patients.

Not everyone can afford to pay for perscriptions and having them available the the free clinics is a blessing.

If I for one would not be able to continue taking my meds and I know that of alot of other people would as well.

If you going to do this you might as well take free clinics away and let everyone who doesn't have health ins. just to working or not die. Thats what will happen to alot of them anyway if they cant afford to pay for their medications.

Jennifer Mize

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Aug. 13, 2008

I am writing to say this Clinic is a blessing to me. I have no insurance and I could not afford to get my medicine. for some people I believe It could mean between life + death I have Come here for several years. until then I couldnt get anything. God has made this place a blessing. We need and want to Keep Health Write as it is.

God Bless

Phyllis Hill
PO Box 1023 Danville, VA
24543

August 4 2008

My sister had a stroke 6 years ago and without the help of health rite she would be unable to get the collect medication. Health rite, I believe, provider her with a much healthier life style than she would otherwise be able to have because of her limited income

John Hermansdorfer
John Hermansdorfer
4009 McCorkle Ave SW
Apt 302
Charleston WV 25304

(ok to publish)

Date: 8-07-2008

From: Daniel Moore
(304)767-4656
danielglenmoore@yahoo.com
3329 West 4th Ave
Belle Westvirginia 25015

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a Juvenile diabetic. I require insulin and testing supplys to survive and ensure I have good health. I've been a diabetic since I was ten I'm 23 now I'm, march, I fell off my fathers insurance because that's the age cut off for teenstar's policy. I am a sinner I can't afford to purchase expensive medicine. I test my sugar as many as ten times a day that's the only way I know I won't lose my eyesight or legs! I'm in college now with a 19 month old daughter I plan to be a health teacher one day so I can have benefits and provide for my family. I could desperately use assistance until I become a teacher.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Moore

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Date: AUG 6, 2008

From: Roxia Mash
1005 Lawndale Lane
Chas, WVA 25314

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic. I need the medicine, because without my synthroid I cant even get out of bed to make it to work. Im not one of the fortunate ones who earn 5-6 figure incomes I earn minimum wage, work part-time with my illnesses I cant physically put in a 40hr work week. I know having a paid pharmacist on staff will bring in tax dollars for the state but what about mentally ill patients and the terrible things they may do without meds. what about people with Hepatitis A, B, C, who would be spreading the disease and causing possible epidemics across the state because they cant get medication,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,,
Roxia Mash

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Date: August 17, 2008

From: Laura Anne Page
812 Cedar Lane
Martinsburg, WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My employer does not provide medical insurance to me and my income is insufficient to cover the costs of daily living and medical care. It has been an enormous blessing that EPFC has been able to assist with medical care and medications during this season of life.

I have an underactive thyroid, diabetes, chronic kidney disease and depression. Without the medication provided by EPFC I would truly not be able to function and would be a drain on society.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Anne Page

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Date: 8/13/08

From: ARLA FONTAINE
319 SPRING ST. #205
HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Extremely difficult, if not catastrophic for me. I receive (nine* meds & there is no way I could ever afford them at their Regular prices (ex. $1200 per mo.). I am a senior receiving under $1k per month from Social Security.

Please do NOT pass Senate Bill 722. We lower income people desperately need your help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Arla Fontaine

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*absolutely necessary to live a normal life.

Date: 8-13-08

From: Leah C. Smallwood
PO Box 652
Martinsburg WV 25402

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

I am a diabetic and without the clinic I would possible have died by now. My medications about 10 are very expensive and I can not afford them. The meds that I need are not on "the list" at most pharmacies for a discount. I went without my meds for two months and became deathly ill before I found out about the clinic. The "free" clinic is a God-send for patients without insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Leah C. Smallwood

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Date: 8/12/08

From: Josh Canford
P.O. Box 858
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Life-altering. One of the main reasons I have a quality-life is because of the free medications at E.P.F.C. in Charles Town, WV.

I owe a debt of gratitude for the supplemental medications that are provided. Without them, I am confident my health would suffer.

Please reconsider any decisions that would impede their practice.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wm. Josh Canford

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Date: 8/12/08

From: Patricia K. Lilly
173 Heights Ave
Martinsburg, WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

I would die without my meds. I am diabetic and suffer from depression & anxiety I don't have insurance, nor can I afford it. The clinic is my only resource for medical help. I have been employed for 40 yrs and paid into the system. I am currently unemployed as I am a "caregiver" to my 91 year old mother. The clinic has a trained & caring staff... You should care as much.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patricia K. Lilly

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Date: 8-11-08

From: Cheryl Hambrake
3390 Williamsport Pike
Mtsbg WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Critical for me. I have high Blood pressure and type 2 Diabetes. I can not afford the medications I need. I would love to be around to watch my beautiful granddaughters grow up. Without the life sustaining meds I need I might not be able to do that. The free Clinic has helped me in so many ways. I could not thank them enough. With the high costs of both Doctors & meds it is hard to be able to pay bills & buy food and still get the proper meds we need to survive.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

C Cheryl Hambrake

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Date: Aug. 11, 2008

From: Michelle Milton
20307 Youngstown Ct #2401
Hagerstown MD 21742

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

My mom (Anna Milton) is a patient at Eastern Panhandle Clinic. If it were not for the clinic she would never be able to see a doctor. Thanks to the clinic they help her w/all her meds for free. My mom has no income & I can't afford to pay for my own drs appts let alone hers. The clinic has sent her to specialists where she's had cancer removed. Thank God for services like this if you take away the free pharmacist she'll not be able to take any of her meds which she ~~dose~~ desperately needs. Please don't punish my mom + other patients just because they're low income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Milton

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Date:_____

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From:_____
Camilla Hannah
8-13-2008

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I do due to not being able to afford these medicines Because of no insurance. Even if I was working I could not get or afford the coverage due to my health issues.

Please consider all these factors in your decisions how it effects everyone not just the bottom line of your companys.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Camilla Hannah

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Date: 8-12-08

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From: Pam Asbury
P.O Box 811
Coal City WV 25823

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am a disabled fifty year old widow. I have been trying to get Social Security for two years. I was diagnosed with a rare cancerous blood disease two years ago. I have no medical insurance and live on a pension of 495.00 monthly. If it wasn't for this clinic I would literaly die without the medications they give me. Please keep this place open for me and all the people who depend on them for survival.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pam Asbury

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Date: 8/21/08

From: Mary Lu Shumate
550 Cleveland
Sch Rd Beckley WV

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I Have NO Insurance & Kidd + Single Now I Can't work Because Of my Health. So please think about people like me & people that are even Worse then me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Shumate

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Charles R. Cashman JR.
107 Hayes Street
Oak Hill 25901

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WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance.
I would not be able to
get my medicine.
My blood pressure would be sky hi.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Cashman Jr.

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Larry Graham
174 Hobert Ln.
Beaver, W.Va.

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work a Full time job, but after taking care of 2 kids and car payment I barely have any money left to survive on from paycheck to paycheck. I am not eligible For insurance at work yet but even if I was I couldn't afford it. I really need this Free clinic to help with my prescriptions. I can not afford my doctor's visit or my prescriptions without the Help of Beckley Health Right. I have to have my prescriptions. So Please take this into consideration

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Larry Graham

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Date: 8.4.08

From: Rudy Arreguin
104 Junction St.
Beckley WV. 25801

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

With The rising COST of all Things Such as GAS, Food and Electricity, IT IS a God Send To have Such a Clinic. Without BHR I would other Wise have To go with out my Meds, Do The Right Thing. For People Doing The Right Thing

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Date: 8/4/08

From: Robbin R. White
P.O. Box 63
Brenton, WV 24818

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This is a big concern for me and my family, because I live as low income recepient in W.Va., my family includes me, my daughter, and my son, and with raising cost in everything we eat, and transportation to work it is hard to live on $860.00 after taxes a month, the need for higher pay is need also, but try to buy medication @ cost where a person pays out $200.00 for it, what is left, I do not ask for anything in the's state but my meds to be paid. So please HELP us less unfortunate!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robbin R. White

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Judy C. Walls

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from this clinic because I do not have medical insurance. I cannot afford the medicines I need at another clinic or drug store.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy C. Walls

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Date: 8/4/08

From: Sandra Hall
P.O. Box 123
Brenton, WV. 24818

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no medical coverage and live on a very fixed income. With the out of pocket expenses, I can not afford the medications I need. I am traveling from a Wyoming Co. that has no type of help for this problem. Being without some type of help there is no way I could be able to get my medications or any treatment. This clinic is a God send for me and my husband.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Sandra Hall

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Date: 8-7-2008

From: Montgomery L. Hawash
1507 Temple St
Beckley WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am disabled and have NO Insurance if Senate Bill 722 passes I wouldn't be able to get my medicines I so badly need. Please let Health Right continue helping me with my Meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Montgomery Hawash

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Date: Aug-07-2008

From: Ellen Leadbetter
P.O. Box 5154
Beckley, W.V 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I can not afford it, not just my medication but really any.
I've had to work all of my adult life and it seems the more you do the more they want, and the money never really get's any better.
If you do get some kind of a raise, there's always something else that goes up. There was a time when I would have to just do without. But now it's food, rent, transportation (GAS), and now they want to take away my only means to stay somewhat healthy too..!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Leadbetter

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Date: 08-07-08

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From: Peggy L. Blackburn
P.O. Box 745
Oceana, WV 24870-

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Filling prescriptions would be impossible considering incoming check verses outgoing payments for expenses. Beckley Health Right has been an answer to prayer & a tremendous blessing personally.

Many people without health insurance would have their lives placed in jeopardy without free or low cost prescriptions.

If Bill 722 goes into effect many low income people's lives will be in danger or have days filled with pain or dangerous symptoms.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Peggy Blackburn

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Date: 8/7/08

From: Mary F. Withrow
114 Callie Street
Beckley, W.Va. 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I need my medicine from the free clinic because I have no insurance to pay for it. I have no income either. I thank God to have a wonderful place to provide for people, for without we could not have medicine, or wonderful doctors.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Withrow

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Date: 8/5/08

From: Sharon Volpe

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic. I am not insulin dependent. But I take three different medications. I monitor my sugar daily. I also have a problem with chronic pain. I take Neurontin for that. I have a blood pressure problem. I take medication for that. My triglycerides were extremely elevated. I take medication for that. If it were not for this clinic, I couldn't get any medication. I'm on a very fixed income. If I couldn't get any help, I couldn't pay for them myself.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Volpe

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Buddy Britt

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic, And without me getting help from the free Clinic to get my medications, I would die without out help, So please don't take this program away. Plus my brother is a diabetic, And he also gets his medication. So without the free Clinic help. We could not pay for are Medecation

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Buddy L Britt

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Larry Hornsby
350 Boyd Crawford Dr.
Cool Ridge Wv 25825

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

IF this clinic were to close, it would be impossible to pay for my insulin. Diabetes is the 3rd most expensive disease in the United States. And for people like myself, who have NO insurance HealthRite is the only place I have to turn to get my medication. People less fortunet, and people with no insurance deserve the right to have a clinic like this. Before you pass a bill like this, think about how many people this will effect.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Hornsby Jr

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Marsha Brooks
P.O Box 1101
Sophia WV 25921

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WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Do because I am not able to pay for the medicine that you would get in the pharmacy. I am on eight different medicines. The clinic really help me and others with the medicine we need otherwise it could be a matter of life or death

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marsha Brooks

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Date: Aug 5, 2008

From: Rebecca Good

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The free clinics in West Virginia are of Vital Importance - more than just the obvious NEEDS such as needed Medicine for much more than the simple cold. The clinics provide for all of the medical needs of and for All people - its a non descriminatory facility that takes care of all the medical needs just by the services and the facility being open and that its a self sufficient facility that handles various levels of medical to the public. The Doctors, nurses, Pharmacy tech and even the clerical staff are much more adequate than some of all the regular Doctors offices because each staff member sees the needs, and goes beyond to provide quality care in each of the free clinics Even additional funding than what the Federal Government needs to step up to the plate and provide for all of free clinics

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J Good

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Because the funds are Needed and Never exploited and always held accountable but exceeds the average customer need.

The person that has Medical Care because of the ability to work should be aware that loosing their job & benefits & medical can — could happen them at any time too.

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Gary Agee
106 E. Wilson
Oak Hill W. Va.

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WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Dear Sir:

I am a 52 yr old male. I have no Means of support for my self.

I have Sugar Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, a torn up knee, two Hernias?, and teeth and Glasses. I have severe headaches which drive me mad. ~~Also, Anger~~

I have a severe Back Problem. I was admitted to Raleigh Gen Hosp 20 May 08, I have been trying to receive some kind of help since 1st of April 08. so far the only help I have received is Food stamps. I do not have and can not get any medication for any of this Pain.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Agee

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Date: 5/5/08

From: Carol Buckley

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WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic,

I cannot afford to go any where else I dont have med insurance I cant afford nothing and I cant even get a med care for the welfare either then I wont be able to see any doctor cause they charge to much to see them. You dont have money & insurance then you are out of luck.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Buckley

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Date: 8/6/08

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From: Viki Blake
131 Bradford Rd
Beckley WV. 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I Can't pay for my Med. Here they are so high. If it wasn't for Beckley Health Right I would do With out it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Viki Blake

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Date: 8/5/08

From: Melissa Shrader

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I am unable to pay for my medicines
& I pray for any doctor bill this clinic is need
to help people who have nothing at all.
and if you would charge this charge for medication
& get a pharmacy these people who could not
afford any thing could get help please
~~that~~ take this in consideration on
this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Shrader

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Date: 8-6-08

From: Erika Lovelace

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WV Board of Pharmacy

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have any insurance (health) can not get a medical card through the state because I work. This clinic is a big help to me & everyone else who is in the same boat. I guess the people who live in Wva. Can't win for losing we get a place where we can get seen & get our medicine & doesn't cost us a arm & leg & of course our goverment want to snatch it from us. You all in the goverment do not understand how it is not to have insurance & barely have a job that make ends meet. So please donot close our clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Erika Lovelace

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Date: 8/6/08

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From: Denise Lacy
P.O. Box 268
Sophia WV 25921

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WV Board of Pharmacy

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and with this would be devastating with the income that my husband received please reconsider.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Denise Lacy

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Date: Aug 4 - 08

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From: Mary C Thompson
150 Autumn Lane Apt 3-0
Beckley, WV 25801

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WV Board of Pharmacy

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My medication is very expensive, therefore I need the clinic to provide it for me. My finances are low. I'm low income.

Please see what you can do to help me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary C Thompson

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Date: 8-6-2008

From: Connie Rucks

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WV Board of Pharmacy

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because for a low en come person I need this c.l.n.c. If it wasn't for Health Right I wouldn't know what I would do. Please keep this clinic for the ones that need a place to come to get treatment

Thank You.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie Rucks

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Date: August 6, 2008

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From:
Marie Plogger

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Am 43 yrs. old, I'm divorced and I have no Insurance. I come 50 miles from Lewisburg to see A doctor and to get my medicine. I have thyroid disease and without my medicine I could die, Please don't make Beckley Health Right hire A pharmacist, they can't Afford it and that means no more medicine for Any of us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Marie L. Plogger

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Date: 8/7/02

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From: LARRY BECKETT
158 CLEVELAND SCH. RD.
BECKLEY, W.V.

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 56 yr old white male. All of my life I have been able to meet all my care needs; however 3 yrs ago my health began to deteriorate. I had no health ins. and soon lost all savings and means to provide for my health care. Thank God for B H R meeting my need for health care & medication. My life is in risk without the meds I receive. Please keep these clinics open to others like me ", There Is Nothing Else to Fill The Gap !!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry D Beckett

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Date: 8/7/08

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From: Ronald W. Rapp
436 Hinton Rd
Shady Spring WV 25918
304 763-5566

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 55 yr old man who has work mainly in the Wood field for 30+ yrs. I have not worked since March of 2008. currently I have no income. I Recieve no public assistant (Unemployment, Food Stamps etc.) I know that this clinic was not here for me not only would my condition ~~would only~~ worsen But so many others would. I seem to be one of the ones that fall through the cracks our Society. As also I can not afford even Minor health Insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald Rapp

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Date: 8-21-08

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From: Shawn Hamrick
Rt 1 Box 716 HC 83
Meadow Bluff, WV 24977

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have no insurance. I have no employment to get it. I have a very serious illness and this is the only means I have to afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shawn Hamrick

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Date: 8-21-08

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From: Keith Richmond

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I dont have Job and I could't afford the medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Keith Richmond

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From: _____

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Edward K Toothman III

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Beckley Healthrite has been providing my medicines for over 2 years, I am currently ready to start my Interferon/Pegasus treatment, without the help of Healthrite there is no way possible I can afford this medication. Also without this medication I will possibly face Life or Death Consequences. Myself & many other patients really need the help of Healthrite, I am very blessed & grateful to have the help and the Kindness of the Healthrite staff.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward K Toothman III

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Date: 8-22-08

From: James Corvett
PO Box 5383
Beckley, WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

@ This Time I do not receive meds from HealthRight However AS A patient and Respiratory Therapy student I have found HealthRight To be an indispensable resource To Those Like myself who would otherwise be unable to afford Healthcare and medications Associated with illness. I do not feel AS Though Free clinics or their patients would be would benefit from Clinics being required To staff a pharmacist. Senate Bill 722 Hurts ~~As an example of hurting~~ Those who need primary Healthcare but cannot Afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James Corvett

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Date: 8-22-08

From: Anthony G. Cook
3 Clay Court
Mt. Hope, WV. 25880

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have been going here for past 3 years and because of my financial situation at this time, I am unable to get insurance. (or pay for insurance) if this rule passes then this clinic will close. I am a diabetic and I have other health problems too and will be unable to afford my medications. What will I do then? What will all the other Low-income people who need Beckley Health right do? Will the Board of Pharmacy pay for my medications and for me to see a doctor? I think not. Please do not pass this rule, it will hurt everyone involved!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony Cook

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To whom it may concern!

This is concerning the Health Rite in Beckley, WV.

I have been told that the government is thinking of closing Health Rite and it's other programs. I would like to explain to who ever just how important that Health Rite is to me. I have Multiple Schlerosis, Chrons Disease, arthritis and fibromyligia and I have no insurance. I am disabled since 04/07 so I can not get my Medicare until 11/09 and my disability could not pay for my living Expenses, doctor bills, health test, blood work, x-rays and medication. If I get a part time job, Then Shared Solutions will not pay for my MS shots, which cost over $1.000.00 per month Because I will make to much money and I am only allowed to make $670.00 extra so it would Be kindly crazy to get a part time job, so what would I do if I did not have Health Rite, please Tell me.

There are other people who come up to Health Rite that are in much worse shape than I am And they have small children to take care of, sure they get a little money for their children But taking care of their children leaves little money for the parents to go to the doctor, get Their blood test, medical test and medication, what will they do especially if a divorced mom. There are mentally challenged people who come to Health Rite who have to pay people to Do everything for them and usually they get ripped off, so they do not have any money for Anything so what would they do without Health Rite?

I could go on and on but the fact is so very many people need Health Rite! Please do not Take it away!

Deborah Holstein

Phone # 304-890-6350

Date: 8/1/08

From: Veronica Estrada
203 mc Kinky St.
Crab Orchard, WV 25827

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am a Single Mother of 3. I work full time. I work, that use to be my biggest problem. When I got sick I couldnt go to the Doctor Because it would Cost for a doctor's Visit AND Medication. I now have to have Allergy pills AND because it wasnt treated before I take pills for the inflimation in my hips AND Legs. If it werent for this program, I would have to quit my job get on Welfare Have the Government pay for my 3 kids and still help me with my meds. Your Choice.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Veronica Estrada

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James & Drema Atkins

159 pine grove circle
Daniels, Wv 25832
Phone (304)255-0601

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August 3, 2008

TO; WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We are senior citizens of Beckley Wv and have medical problems that together totals $900.00 per month. We have no insurance and if it wasn't for Beckley HealthRite we couldn't afford the meds we need we only pay $10.00 monthly Please have compassion on this pharmacy and don't close it lots of families like us with no insurance needs them.

Sincerely,

Signature James R Atkins
Drema S Atkins

July 31, 2008

To whom it may concern:

I live on a small fixed income and without the help of Health Right, I would not be able to see a doctor or get medication. They are needed in this small community not only for me, but for many of families.
Thank You,
Dottie Richards
(304) 466-4568

Date: Aug 8, 08

From: Mabel Shrewsbury
4945 Odell Rd.
Josephine W. Va.
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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I don't have any form of Medication Insu. My medicine would cost about 500 dollars if I had to buy it and I only get 624. So as you can see I really need to keep getting my medicine at Beckley Health Right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mabel Shrewsbury

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Date: 8/7/08

From: Shelia R. Lewis
165 S. Fers Rd
Meadow Bridge WV 25976

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Because my husband is disabled and has many health problems. We have no insurance and very little money for doctor visits & meds. We really thank God for this clinic & the people who work here. Please don't change anything about our clinic.

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Shelia R Lewis

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Date: 8/19/08

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From: Kendra Adamanks
PO Box 1173
Crab Orchard, WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Because I have no health insurance and my seizure medicine is very expensive.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kendra Adamanks

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Date: 8-19-08

From: Teresa Holliday
137 Jinnian Ave
Beckley, W.V. 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Doctors from Health Right have tested and retested and found I have hepatitis C. Along with starting the change of life (menapause) On top of that I am a patient also at JMRS. (manic depression & bi-polar) The medication for bi-polar is expensive. Without Health Right Clinic I could "NOT" afford my vistril or buspar which stabilizes me. With hepatitis C, the clinic is able to keep a regular check on my liver so far it has been caught in time & ~~necessary~~ has been done to my liver But for ~~some un~~ thoughtful happening my hep C was to become active there is medication Heal Health, to help me. Here my medication for swelling (water pill) n hands & feet. Testing to check on the change of life & affording the meds to take so I do not harm myself or others. With the pharmacist and doctors Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I can afford the Z.'s to be a responsible, productive working person in our community.

Sincerely,

Teresa Holliday

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NOT MY NAME!

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Charles Morris, and I like many other tax paying Americans that do not have health insurance. My wife and I have been going to the Beckley Health Right Clinic going on three years. This program is a godsend to us and many others in the community. The price of prescription drugs is outrageous and are hard to afford with the expense of living today. The clinic has and is functioning well without a pharmacist. The medications are distributed in a confidential and professional manner. There is no need for a pharmacist. This bill being passed will hurt the clinic(s) and the patients that attend them. So, please consider this bill very carefully and realize that tax payers that go to these clinics are the same ones who pay your salaries.

Thank you,

Charles Morris

Charles Morris
Alice Morris

Rt. 1 Box 264
Green Sulphur Springs
WV. 25966

OK to Re write

Date: 8-21-08

From: Linda Canady

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I depend on this medication or I don't know how I will get my medicine. I am on a fixed income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Canady

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8-21-08

From: 304-253-4958

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Because in this time of high prices on gas and food, it is so needed for us who are on a fix income, Otherwise we could not always be able to get our medicine So please help us. Thank you very much!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Canady

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Date: 8-21-08

From: Melanie Berry
310 Saunders Ave.
Beckley-W, Va 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I cannot afford my medicines, I suffer from hypertension & I don't know what I'd do without this assistance. It's a life or death matter for me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie Berry

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Date: 8-21-08

From: Charles Davis
109 Berlin Court
Beckley W.V. 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I don't have a job and dont have any insurance. The only way I can afford my medicine & a doctor to see me is at the free clinic. I have a bad liver & high blood pressure. I am currently fighting Social Security Disability & have no income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Davis

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Date: 8/14/08

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From: Terri Leach

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have Asthma and I can not afford the medication that helps me breathe. I also use Lipitor, Buspar and without this Clinic I could not afford my medicine

Thank You

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Terri Leach

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From: Renee Border
113 missouri. Ave
Beckley. W.Va

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I Have No Insurance, Have Hep C And I Have Not Been to Drs in a Month. I Have to Have Pegasus Injections, As well As otter medications. I Despite Money Says I'm very Anemic. Please Help me As much As you can.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Renee Border

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Date: 8/25/08

From: Terry N Trent
Po Box 42
Daniels WV 25832

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

For the past two years I have received my much needed medication from Health Right. Without Health Right and my medication I would not have survived to watch my son grow up. I lost my insurance and would not have been able to afford my heart medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry Trent

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Date: 8-19-08

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From: Duane Taylor
PO Bx 117
Sophia, W.V. 25921

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Being On Social Security and Not Elegible For Medicare-Medicade Yet, Their Is No Way Possible For Me To Pay For Me Medications. Being Disabled Prevents Me From Working Also.

It Seams To Me That This Bill Is Certaintly Doing A Disservice To The Community and The People of West Virginia.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Duane Taylor

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Date: 8-19-08

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From: Alice M. Davidson
P.O. Box 113
Amigo, WV. 25811

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I Need my Medicines From the Free Clinic because my husband is on Disability Social Security. It would be very very hard For me to get my meds anywhere else & I might even have to do without. I don't Know if it's important to you, but it is to me. The young lady that works in the Pharmacy is very good & I have no complaints & I'm sure anyone else doesn't either. Everyone at the Free Clinic does a Great job.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Alice M. Davidson

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Date: 08-19-08

From:
WALTER S. WEB

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I AM IN the PROCESS OF trying to get my Dis. SSI going AND HAVE NO other SOURCES OF INCOME. With-out this help I WOULD HAVE NO RESOURCE to TURN to FOR MY HEALTH ISSUES

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Walter S. Web

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Date: 8/19/08

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From: Joann Pace
P.O. Box 687
Addison, WV 24910

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

It has become a choice between food, heat or meds. If it wasn't for this clinic I would not be able to have my blood pressure meds or my other meds. This is one of the best programs for our area. Our DR's should be able to take care of us. They give their time to be here for us let them do their job.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joann Pace

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Date: 8/19/08

From: Michael A. Pace
P.O. Box 1687
Alderson, WV 24910

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Due To The High cost of Medicine And The Low Wages Here in West Virginia The Clinic Is Needed It is A Voluntary Clinic And Can't Afford A Pharmacist, We Also Need A Free Clinic In Lewisburg. !

Thanks To Beckley Health Right ! There Should Be More of Them in West Virginia.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Pace

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Date: 08-19-08

From:

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Because my wife has a blood disorder no medical Insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James R Kidd

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Date: 08-19-08

From: Shawn T. Kidd

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Because I have no insurance, and I need my check up + medicine ins. I have a blood disorder.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shawn T. Kidd

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Date: 8-19-08

From: Andrew Acord
201 Dorcas Ave.
Beckley, WV 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have been in between jobs for a while, and I am just unable to afford the costs of being a diabetic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Acord

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Date: 8-19-08

From: Christina Acord
201 Dorcas Avenue
Beckley, WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I work 30 hours a week, and still can't even pay my bills. I definately can't afford to go to the doctor, or pay for prescriptions. Now that I have started coming here I can actually take care of my health & my husband's so we can raise our children. This place is wonderful & I thank God for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Christina Acord

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Date: 8-05-08

From: Tina Simmons
P.O. Box 143
Glen White, WV 25849

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the free clinic because I work at McDonald's and can't afford medince + doctor this clinic help ~~me~~ me in some many ways. I'm can see the doctor and the two dollar bottle of pills that I would be able to any way if it wasn't for this clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Tina Simmons

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Date: Aug. 13, 2008

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From: Melinda Lester
Hc 35 Box 95b
Danese, WV 25831

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I'm writing this letter on behalf of patients, like my parents, who got medicine from the Beckley Health Right clinic. The medicine saved their lives. Medicine they couldn't afford to buy. Without the medication Beckley Heath Right gives to their patience alot of people whould be without life saving drugs. I saw alot of sick people go through this clinic, but they were given medicine at a very affordable price. I know our goverment officials can afford their medicine but there are many people who can't. If senate Bill 722 passes you will be cutting all these people off from medication they need to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melinda Lester

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Date: Aug. 13, 2008

From: Anita Ennis
Rt 35 Box 420
Danese, W.V. 25831

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

If it were not for the medication I get from Beckley Health Right I probably wouldn't be alive. I need to take 2 different heart medicines and there is no way I could afford to buy them. If this clinic is forced to hire a pharmacist, which they can't afford, they will have to stop giving people medicine that they desperately need. What does our goverment officials think people will be able to do? People like myself could die. Is this what they are after? I certenly hope not!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Anita Ennis

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From: _____

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

We seen first-hand the desperate need for the free clinics. Forcing them to keep a pharmacist on hand, they can't afford, could cause many of them to close their doors. This is the only health-care low-income families have and the only way they have to get their much needed medication, they probably otherwise would try and go without.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura S White

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Date: 8/3/08

From: Michelle Mutton
31 Mountaineer Ct
Charlestown Wv 25414

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single Mother of two little girls. There father takes care of there medical needs. I work a part time job which no medical is available. I have a stomach ulcer that has had me layed up for weeks at a time. The free clinic has helped me with my medication. Which I couldn't afford.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Michelle Mutton

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Date: 8/8/08

From: Etta Baker
612 N Preston St Apt 1
Ranson WV 25438

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

One reason is. I have no way to pay at all for them. It takes every penny my husband make to live. If the clinic didn't have this program. I be at the hospital on a daily visit. So they could control my high blood pressure as well as my diabetis. Sent I have no insurance. That would be come a very high bill really fast. If you wanted to help people in W.V. who come to the free Clinic you should pay for a pharmacist out of the taxes we as residents pay into yous.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Etta Baker

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Date: 8/8/08

From: Alice Thurston
414 W. Liberty St
Charles Town WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My medication cost alot of money and on my salary there is no way I'll be able to pay for alot of my medication My glubrie cost some where around $400.00 if not more and I could not pay for that, I would end up in the hospital with out my medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Alice Thurston

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Date: 8/8/08

From: Becky Garcia
112 PICTURE MT Dr Apt 6
Martinsburg, WV 25404

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the help of the free clinic in receiving my medicine I would die. It's as simple as that. I've been an insulin dependent diabetic for 45 yrs (August 1964) I cannot afford $85-100 per bottle of insulin as I take two different types of insulin. They also provide me with a meter to keep my blood sugar monitored, without the meter + test strips etc) It would be next to impossible to know when + how much insulin to take. They also provide me with all of my necessary medications (pills).

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Becky Garcia

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8.8.08

From: Mildred LaPread
66 Retirement Lane
Apt 205 Martinsburg WV 25404

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a widow on Social Security and can not get Medicade or Medicare. If the clinic was to shut down I would not be able to get my COPD. Medication and my Test for High Blood Pressure this Program is very important to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mildred LaPread

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Date: August 7th, 08

From: Theresa A. Ricks
432 Forestview Drive
Berkeley Spr. WV 25411 (Morgan Co.)

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Asthma is a terrifying experience. In my experience, it literally constricts to the point where-in I can swallow nothing and am in danger of passing out. The EPFC (free clinic) provides me physician-care and is also able to send me home with FREE inhalers and antihistimine meds. My income is provided via SSDI, as I am currently disabled. A fixed income offers little lee-way (sp.?) in the face of escalating utility, insurance and gas prices. Surely, free prescriptions are a God-send for those of us who must decide what to purchase food and other necessities to purchase. Please help the Free Clinics continue to provide for our needs. Don't encumber them -- it does matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Theresa A. Ricks

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Date: 8.11.08

From: Mary Vanorsdale
14161 Buck Creek Valley Rd.
Hedgesville, WVa. 25427

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:
disastrous. I do not & can not afford insurance. I had worked until my job went to Mexico & China. (France also). Then went my husband. I am raising 2 grandsons on S.S. and a very small retirement check. I could not afford Dr. appointments, tests, medication etc. I have battled high blood pressure, high cholesterol and Colon Cancer. This clinic has been a God-send to me and the boys. Without me to raise them I don't know what would happen to them. There are many, many more people in the Tri County area. I beg, please keep this clinic open as the pharmacy + free meds available for the sake of the children, our Country future.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary E Vanorsdale

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Charmaine Thomas
54 Faith Dr Apt 3B
Martinsburg WV 25404

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I've had three (3) Heart attacks and if I didn't get the medications that I need it probably would mean death for me. due to my conditions I lost my Job and I've had to settle for a lesser paying Job with no benefits. Therefore, without the Free clinic and all they've done and are doing for me. I'm sure I wouldn't be around to write this letter. Please Keep this and all free clinic available to all that are in need of medical health and prescriptions

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charmaine Thomas

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 14th 2008

From: Kimberley O. Custer
203 East 14th Ave.
Ranson WV 25438

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Devistated! Because, I was diagnosed with High Blood Pressure, I did'nt know what I would do or how my life has been affected because of it. If I could'nt have been able to pay for the medications that I needed for that I'm glad that there is a place like this one, so that I can get the help that I need Because I would'nt without it. They would probably be writting a Bill on Death!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberley O Custer

☒ ~~I~~ agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Printess McDaniel
Rt 3 Box 120 H6
Kearneysville WVa
25430

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The free clinic has helped a friend of mine so much she can't afford her medications and her bills and to take care of her children on what she makes. She needs the help very much. She has had a lot of problems with seizures and a few times the drug store is so high she tried not to get her seizure pills because she couldn't afford it then she didn't take them and she ended up in the hospital. The Free Clinic helps her to have the medications. They say if she didn't have them she could die, and I don't want her to die. Please help the Clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Printess McDaniel

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: DONNA LUNA
198 CATROW RD
Martinsburg WV
25403

To Whom It May Concern:

If the free clinic wasn't here or able to provide free medications the impact would be:

Bad For me and many Likeme I have been unemployed since Feb 29. and with the price of gas Food there just not enough money for med. too. so if I wasn't getting them Free I would not be taking them every day as needed and with my many back problems I diffently need there Help because I have no Insurance. So Help them don't Hurt them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Luna

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

08-14-08

From: Larry Guerra

PO Box 1312

Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

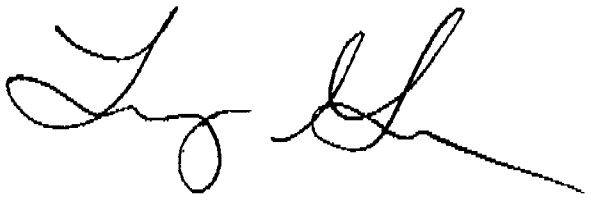
I need medicine from my free clinic because I do not have medical insurance. I do not have medical insurance because I was injured volunteering as a firefighter. Due to my injury, I have had to have surgery on my foot. The free clinic has helped me in many ways. I started to have lower right abdominal pain, since I do not have insurance because I only had a part-time job; I heard about the free clinic and called them to see if I qualified.

I qualified, and they set me up with an appointment at their earliest convenience. When I had my appointment, which I had not been to a doctor in 5 years, I had many diagnoses which needed to be treated by medication. If it were not for the free clinic, I would not be able to afford the medication or health care that I receive.

I am very thankful for the free clinic that we have here in our county. I know, that Leona Cook and many volunteers have worked very hard for others in their community that can not afford medical care and medications. It is a blessing to have people in the community that help others with services like this.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Larry Guerra

Date: 8-8-08

From: Melissa Bachinski
2617 Summit Point Rd.
Summit Point WV 25446

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

OK First I was a person that Worked hard had Back Surgery lost my job Had NO Income. I was in Horrific Pain in my Back NO Money The Surgeon would not see me because I had NO Insurance Due to the fact that I couldn't Work Because of Back pain. When I came to this wonderful ~~Sh~~ FREE CLINIC I was a wreck, they CARED They helped me w/ not only therapies but meds that help my Back pain tremendously !!! w/o the Meds that they have me on I would NOT be able to work at All.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bachinski

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

I am hoping to be able to get ahead enough to have my own insurance but until then. This Clinic's ability to give →

Date: ~~8~~ 8-8-08

From: Brenda K. Miller
501 Watts Chapel Rd.
Kenna, WV.

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabitic and have High Blood Pressure. and very bad stomach problems. I am on a fixed income. and if I would have to buy my medicine. I could not do it. my needles for my shots. my testing strip's. Before I came to health Right, I was in the hospital a lot because I had no way to get my medicine. I don't know what I would do without health Right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda K. Miller

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Gloria Miller
1319 Lee St, East Apt # 203
Charleston W.Va. 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have insheasin and I will not have endeway to get meds if I did not have Health Right. I've have been come to Health Right for a long time. The doers in ~~needs~~ nearest have ~~help~~ help me a lost. I've with out the I would not get meds at I need. I thnk God for Health Right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gloria Miller

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

(Health Problems)
(Diabetic, High Blood Pressure)

From: Tonya Moore
HC 75 Box 60A
Hamlin, WV 25523
(304)824-3524

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance, can't afford it and I still barely can afford to get gas to come and get my medicine. If it wasn't for Health Right's free clinic & pharmacy I would not be able to see a doctor or a get my medicine, and I would die. Health Right is a true blessing to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tonya R Moore

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Darlene Meadows
214 Chase Rd
Looneyville, WV 25259

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can not by medicine based on our income. Without this clinic I would have to do without

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Darlene Meadows

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-08

From: Kim Moore
706 Surrey Terrace
St Albans WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have health insurance and I have several medical conditions that require me to take medication such as high blood pressure and cholesterol. I would be unable to take care of these conditions if this law is allowed to pass

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Moore

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Alan R McCormick

P.O. Box 123

Sod WV 25564

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Been out of work and I Been In the Hospital 2 Time Recent

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan R McCormick

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9-4-08

From: Deama Moore
511 1/2 Hall St
Chas WV 25302

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This is the only way I can afford to get the medicine I need as I am unable to work right now.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deama Moore

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-16-08

From: Cathy G McDaniels
CATHY F McDANIELS
842 - Indiana Ave Apt A
Chas WV 25311

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

because I don't have Clinic to go to I need this clinic because it help me get better I have happy that they have A Free Clinic and it help A lot of people to So don't take the Clinic away

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cathy G McDaniels

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-2005

From: Carolyn Martin
4410 Washington St. W.
Charleston WV

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have No medical coverage at all, I've had a Stroke, I'm Diabetic, and have high blood pressure. Without this Clinic, I would probably die, I can't afford Medical Insurance, or even life Insurance. I live on a Cashier salary, which isn't much. less than $13,000.00 a year, I can barely afford to pay my bills, let alone Medical bills.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Martin

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: David L Myers
118 Keystone Dr
Chas WV. 25311

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Have been getting my Medication from Health Right for A long time with our Health Right I could Not afford My Meds Because I had No health Ins So Health Right has been A God Cent I Really do not Know what the Uninsured is Like Me Would ~~to~~ do With out Them So Please ~~to~~ Reconsider this Bill 722

Thanks

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

David L Myers

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-2008

From: Terry Naylor
HC 73 Box 556
Arnoldsburg, W.Va. 25234 - 304-655-8682

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

People need their medications to stay alive and well. These free clinics help people who can not afford medical Care or medications. If they can not get their medications then they Could die. Like if they have ~~the~~ high blood Pressure they Could die of stroke or heart attack, be paralyzed or mentally affected. Thats alot of suffering just because you want to take away the one thing that Could help purple who can not afford their medications, just ask yourselves what if it Was one of your loved ones that needs medical or medications from W.Va. free Clinics and Can't get it. and they Would have and a heart attack or stroke or diletic Coma and suffer seirous side affects or Worse die. I hope it never happens but it Could you never Know. Keep that in mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry Naylor

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-2008

From: Barbara J. Nies
RR2 Box 169
Cottageville, WV 25239

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

In the event that I should need medication from my free clinic, it is necessary to obtain it at the place I am examined as the cost to obtain it elsewhere is far greater than what I can afford. Being on such a low fixed income makes the purchase of needed medication extremely difficult. My free clinic has an extremely low co-pay making the medication affordable. If the clinic were forced to stop providing medicine, then I would have to go without possibly resulting in hospitalization.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Nies

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: Sheila Nichols
1817 Big Sandy Rd.
Left Hand WV 25251

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I didn't get my meds from here I just simply wouldn't be able to afford to get them. the cost of them almost comes out to more than we bring in a month. So I wouldn't be able to get them and eat or have a roof over my head. So I would just have't to do without them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheila Nichols

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Rex Allen Olive
909 Bridge Rd.
Chas. WV. 25314

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without health right and the medicines they provide me, I would not be able to function in a normal and proper way due to my health. I do work and I am married but my pay is barely above minimum wage nor do I get a full 40 hrs, sometimes not even 30 hrs a week. My wife is unable to work and does not get any benefits either. I have a life-time thyroid problem that will require a lifetime of doctor visits and medication

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rex A. Olive

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-07-08

From: ROSE OSBORNE
10 VINE STREET
CHARLESTON, WV 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

AFTER WORKING 36-YEARS WITH INSURANCE AND NOW HAVING NO INSURANCE DUE TO BEING LAID OFF FROM TWO JOBS, I AM UNABLE TO PAY $120.00 TO $170.00 FOR ONE PRESCRIPTION. THE PRESCRIPTION SERVICE ENABLES ME TO AFFORD MEDICATION. WITHOUT THIS PHARMACY AT HEALTH RIGHT. MY LIFE WOULD BE SHORTEN. THEREFORE, I NEED THE PHARMACY TO CONTINUE TO DISPENSE MEDICATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT JEOPARDIZE MY WELL-BEING.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rose Osborne

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Sandra G. Jeffers
107 Lee St. E
St Albans, WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it was not for HealthRight I would not be able to afford my medicine. The cheapest is $102.00 a month the most expensive is 249.00 a month

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra G Jeffers

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: John Jackson
Charlestan, WV 25301
505 Leon Sullivan Way

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Unfortunatly, like many others, I am unemployed and uninsured at the present time. Without Medication, what would people in this Situation do? Perhaps get Sicker & incur more money upon the goverment, So I Strongly urge that this program be maintained.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Jackson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 4, 2005

From: Kim Jones
8118 Maryland Ave
Marmet, WV 25315

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no income. I am trying to get my S.S. At this time, I have no insurance. I can't pay for medicine & I need the help of the pharmacy in this clinic. Please don't close this pharmacy because it helps so many people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Jones

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: Kimberly Duran
240 Henson Avenue
So Chas WV 25303

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

WV Health Right is my last hope of receiving the life-saving medications that I need. The Board of Pharmacy, of all people, especially in this day and time, should understand that while being staffed totally by volunteers, it is IMPOSSIBLE for WV Health Right to pay anyone for services, let alone a Board Certified Pharmacist. I've been blessed with a beautiful, bright, creative and talented 18 yr. old daughter who has her whole life ahead of her. You must realize, take away my meds, and you've given her mother a death sentence. With WV Health Rights help, I hope to be at her 50th Birthday party! Please, don't take my medications from me, I want to live!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Duran

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: HARLAN FLOWERS
HC 36 Box 42A
BLOUNT, W.V. 25025

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

on expensive medicine and only have medicare. Can't afford it otherwise

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Harlan D. Flowers

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7-08

From: Bruce Flowers
620 Stockton St
Charleston WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Have Not any Ins of any kind
Need this Clinic for Everything
Health wise + Med

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce L Flowers

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Eugene Easley
208 Douglass st
Dunbar WV, 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medication from this clinic because I can not afford to buy any at an actual Pharamacy. I am a father of 3, and times are hard

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Eugene Easley

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Dreconda Eadley
203 Douglass st.
Dunbar, WV 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 43 yr old mother of four, and I am employed at a place that offers me insurance, but due to the high cost I can not afford it. I make pay for my children every week. I need this help from Health Right Please don't take this medicine service away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dreconda Eadley

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-08

From: Linda Edens
1617 Clayave
Chas WV 25312

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have insurance but some of my friends cannot afford health insurance because they have low paying jobs & cannot afford health insurance. Therefore, if these free Clinics are closed - these people that use them - will have to do without - So please do not close these Clinics down. This is America! What will people do about their health?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Edens

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Cheryl Elliott
HC36 Box 156
Chas. WV. 25306
(304) 9260290

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance for Doctors or medicines, and I don't know what I would do if they quit giving meds at W.V. Health Right. There is no way I could pay for meds and I am on eight different meds for blood pressure + sugar. I beleive there should be help for honest taxpayers that can't afford a doctor or medicines. We work for a living but we don't make a lot to pay for everything.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Elliott

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: Christina Elliott
PO Box 411
Pecks Mill, WV 25547

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no medical insurance. I have several health problems & I have to have medicine to live. My medicine would cost me over $1000.00 a month & I have no income. Im also too sick to work. I would die without the help of healthrights pharmacy. I dont have any other way to recieve my medicine. Healthright has saved my life & I couldnt afford my medicine without healthright pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christina Elliott

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Anthony Eaton
1426 3rd Ave
Chas WV 25312

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Working WVA's who cannot afford insurance need free clinic. It is the people who voice their opinion concerning medical care for medications be heard. Without this free clinic, in the past alot more people will end up sick and lost.

A law that requires a pharmacist to give medications that can't be affordable leaves many of us in the blind.

Put your feet in the shoes who have to walk through these doors and see how you will manage.

Pray it doesn't happen to you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Anthony Eaton

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7-08

From: Eloise M Flowers
1610 Clay Ave
Charlestonwv 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Have No way of Paying for med
Have only part time work
No Health Ins
Need over. 300 ^{00} Worth of med
Some month and more when sick
or have Bad Health problems
Could NOT Do with out this
Clene

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Eloise Flowers

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: Rthymnn L. Good
1009½ Cobb St.
So. Chas. WV. 25309

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance, I do not work anywhere My husband is self employed & we cannot afford to pay for health & prescription coverage. I have fibromyalgia & see a specialist at clinic. There for a lot of my meds are anywhere from 100.00 to 200.00 per bottle also many of my other meds are very costly, & without the clinic I wouldn't be able to see a primary Dr. or specialist when I need to, also I wouldn't be able to have any tests done when needed or mainly get my medicines when needed because I can't afford to pay for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rthymnn L. Good

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: LaDawn Gerwig
HC71 Box100
Duck, W.V. 25063

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single mother and have no insures. I clean houses for a living. I am raising my 14yr. old son. If I can't get my medicine from WV Health, I will just go without for I can't put out $168.00 month for it. Please don't take this from me! Thank you so much and I am praying for you all to make the right decisons.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

LaDawn Gerwig

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 8, 2008

From: Patricia J Day
1007 Dutch Hollow Rd.
Dunbar, WVa. 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 51 year old divorced female. Most of my life I have had no insurance for health issues. If you require the Healthsite Clinic to staff a full-time Pharmacist we would not be able to obtain medicines we can not afford to buy. I vote against the August 29 Senate Bill 722 because Too many people will not have medical care or the drugs they need to live. Thanks for caring.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Day

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8 Aug 08

From: Wilbert C. Gore
837 Watts St. #1
Charleston WV 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Gentlemen, this clinic is my lifeline. I am a diabetic patient and my medication is essential for my life, not only my health. Without the services that are provided here at healthrite, ie, my medication, I would not be able to afford medication, because I have no health insurance from my employer. Please reconsider Bill 722, it would impact me as well as many other West Virginians who have no health care with a devastating blow to our ~~lif~~ lives

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Wilbert C Gore

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Marquis Glover
1419 [redacted] 1st Ave.
Charleston WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

On the 7th of August 2008 I was diagnose with Type 1 diabetes even thou at 31 years of age. I never thought that I would get this disease. Im struggling with it teying to realize that I have to take much care of myself my family has a history of diabetes. I need medicine to lower my sugar levels down so I won't damage my kidneys and I don't want to go blind either. Please think about doing the right thing cause it mean a whole lot to me if you did. I want to take care of myself and by Health Right helping me with the medication I can feel better Knowing that you made the right decision by helping me as well as others.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marquis Glover

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Pamela Falkinburg
183½ Norton AVE
Charleston ~~WV~~ WV 25311

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I dont have Health Insurance and I need my medicene because of my depression and acid Reflex Cant afford to buy it rightout.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Falkinburg

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Charlyene Fore
P.O. Box 1443
Chesdenin, WV 25045

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Could not have my debetic meds and supplies, if not for this Clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Charlyene Fore

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: CECILIA FLOWERS
HC 36 Box 43A
BLOUNT, W.V. 25025

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

on expensive medicine and only have medicare. Can't afford it otherwise.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Flowers

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Susan Gessel
847 Vine Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because my medicines cost more than my income. I have been diagnosed with diabetes, Hypertension And various disorders that if I had no access to programs Such as Health Right I might as well be on my own and suffer whatever comes my way. Because Insurance is so high many people like myself have no place to go or to turn.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan M Gessel

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 4, 2008

From: Zaneta Green
5142 Rainbow Dr
Cross Lanes WV 25313

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the ability to give medicine to patients like myself Healthright and other clinics will lose a huge amount of their effectiveness. My medicine alone would cost several hundred dollars a month from a conventional drug store. I along with many others would be forced to do without medication that are vital to our survival. Without the medicine from my free clinic I would not be able to get it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Zaneta Green

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-06-08

From: Ashley Holmes
61 Whispering Way
St. Albans, WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because we do not make a lot of money and we are raising 2 children and everything is so expensive. I am so glad there is a place like this to help people who need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ashley Holmes

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Ricky HARRIS
802 Solon Crt
Dunbar WV 25064

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I only work 20 hrs a week and have Rent and utelity's to pay I have no medical Ins. at all I am a diebee and need my Insoun and other medo. Please ~~don't~~ stop I can not afford my medo at all. Without the help from this clinic I would probly die or already be dead.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely, Ricky Harris

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/1/18

From: Lelia Gregory
365 Hc 50
Arnoldsburg WV 25234

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have family members that needs meds. My mother needs 8 scripts. My dad needs one. Without Health Right Neither could afford their meds. They would be doing without.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lelia Gregory

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: JOHN GRIFFITH
20014 Coal River Rd.
Seth WV 25181

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I NEED THESE MEDICATIONS BECAUSE I COULD NOT AFFORD THEM. OTHER WISE. IT IS CONVIENIENT BECAUSE IF ANY QUESTION COME UP ABOUT MY MEDICATION. THEY CAN CONTACT MY PHYSICIAN AND TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM WHILE I WAIT. WITHOUT HAVING TO RUN UP & DOWN THE ROAD. TO GET THE MATTER TAKEN CARE OF. I AM ESTABLISHED HERE AND WOULD LIKE TO STAY HERE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Griffith

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/4/08

From: 8/4/08

Charles E Griggs

207 Ariel Heights
Chas., WV 25311

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Medicines that are free from the clinic helps get rids of colds, and are neccessary for treatments. Whats would you be the point of seeing a doctor, and not being able to afford medications needed for recovery.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles E Griggs

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 11 Aug 08

From: Wallace Griffin
505 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston W.V 25304

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Homeless - no job no money W/ high blood pressure, high cholesterol and arthritis in knees

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wallace Griffin

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 14/2018

From: Virginia Lee Good
Cirsone Lee Rt Box 189B
Summersville W.Va, 25300

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have Insurance and I Can't afford Medication with Out Your Help and I really appreciate all the help you can Provide for me and the staff here

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Virginia Lee Good

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Cirsone Lee Rt Box 189B
Summersville W.Va, 25320

Date: 8-4-08

From: Pamela J Gillispie
Rt 2 Box 304-B
Chas, WV 25314

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because without this clinic there is know possable wy I could afford my medications. They are a life sauer to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela J Gillispie

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Delbert Hancock
213 High Street
St. Albans WV, 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This clinic has really Saved my Life because I could never be able to aFord all the med's i Take.
We all need this clinic and the Free med's
I work FullTime and still Cant Buy my med's anywhere else

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Delbert Hancock

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9-4-08

From: Roger Hill sr
P.O Box 354
Danville WV 25053

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My mother Phyllis Hill has been getting her meds from health right about 4 years. for us her income it helps. The only income is my fathers

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger Hill sr

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/5/08

From: Kathy Hill
P.O. Box 354
Danville WV 25053

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

at one time I was a health right for my Medi's and if I was not for them I would not had the Medi's I need. the people I see I tell that health right is a good place to go for help on Medi's and other things for low income people. I do not know what low income people would do if it not for health right. I woent to say thank you health right for being there for me and being so helpful to me and my family Think you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hill

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/2/2008

From: Ron Hizer
1551 Lee St
Chas WV 25311

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the free Clinic's help it would be Impossible for me AND many of the UNINSURED low-income/NO-income people in this State to get the NEEDED CARE AND MEDICATION. Please RECONSIDER closing Down ANY part of such A "good" place. It Doesn't Seem "broke" to me. So, why fix it?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Ron E. Hizer

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Rebecca Harper
825 Willow Dr
So. Chas WV 25309

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the medicine from this clinic because, I can not afford it on my own. Plain and simple! I went two and a half years with untreated high blood pressure because my prescription is too expensive. I work a minimum wage job and am the sole support of five of my family members. Due to the economy it is cheaper on me to support rather than transport them to different jobs. Please, if you only knew what a blessing this clinic and its volunteers are, please help!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A. Harper

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Stephanie D. Hill
211 Clark Dr. Apt-207
Charleston, WV 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.
I first arrived in Charleston, West Virginia on March 21, 2008. I was living at the Sojourner Homeless Shelter. I had no income and homeless. When I began to have health problems, I began my medical visits at WV Health Right. Being that I did not have any income and I needed some medication, I was blessed that the WV Health Right's clinic was able to assist me with my medications. The free medication to patients is very much needed to low income people who can't afford to pay full price for medicine.
Eliminating the medicine clinic would cause a lot of people to either have to search other community resource to help pay for the medicine cost or it could force some people to not take the medicine because they can't afford it. I would hope that it would be some way possible that the Senate Bill 222 that requires every free clinic in WV to have a pharmacist OR stop providing free medications to patients would help these free clinics to recieve grant monies to apply and to have the funds to pay for a pharmacist. When these Clinics do not have the funds to hire a pharmacist, they will not be able to provide medications to low-income families, this will be very hurtful to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephanie D. Hill

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Felicia Holland
1418 Washington St
Chas WV

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I can not afford my medicines due to the lack of insurance. My condition is something that will never go away and can not be fixed So Medicine will be the only thing that will keep me alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Felicia Holland

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/4/08

From: Tammy Harper
PO BOX 514
Hurricane WV 25526

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Cannot afford Health INS
And need my meds.
If it wasn't for Health
Right I Don't Know What
I would Do

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy Harper

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Mary Isner
3313 33rd St.
Nitro WV 25143

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work at a job for min. wage with No health ins. If this happens I will Not be able to Afford my Medicines. Please do Not let this happen to People in W.VA. We have No where else to get medicine. My health will Really suffer due to this possibly death

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary L Isner

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Mary C. Isner
3590 Teays Valley Rd.
Hurricane, WV. 25526

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a low income person and have not enough money for medication. How the way the economic has risen the price of medication especially. I can't afford what it cost to live everyday.

People like me needs this clinic to have a pharmacy for us to get our medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Isner

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Wanda Harper
108 Kingsport Rd.
So. Chas. WV 25777

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because medicine is ~~ex~~ Right high, if I can't get it from Health ~~Rite~~ than I can't afford my medicines.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wanda L. Harper

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9/18/08

From: Joanne Hodge
PO Box 778
Pinch, WV 25156

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on a very limited income & my employer does not offer insurance. If I couldn't get my medications at a free clinic, I would not be able to take it at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joanne E Hodge

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Junior Harris
Rt 3 box 55
Gauley W Va
25573

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

i need medicen with you all
i can get it

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Junior Harris

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: AUGUST 05 2008

From: JUDI HEATER
3425 CLOVER DR
CHARLESTON WV 25306

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I personally don't need help, but I have friends that don't have insurance. THEY need help with their medications OR else they won't be able to take them.

They need the service in order to live and be able to take medicine. So they can feel like working for their other needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

J K Heater

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7 - 2008

From: MR Hill Jr
1023 Danville
WVA 25553

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Wife Comes to Health Rite Clinic
Because we have no insurance
Wouldn't be able to get medicine
if We couldn't get meds
Very possibly would Die

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marvin Hill

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-08

From: Pam Hamilton
P.O. Box 1525
Charleston, WV 25326

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not personally need this help but there are several elderly & low income making only minimum wage, that this would greatly impact. In this day & time everything keeps costing everyone more & more. The elderly & low income have to make choices of whether to eat, get their medicine, pay utility bills or rent. They need this service to provide free medications that they urgently need in order to be able to work everyday.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pam Hamilton

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: Dwayne Jones
388 W main ST.
ST. albans, WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am Thankful to be able to get Health care & Medication from Health Life. My work is slow so wages are Affected. I would not be able to Afford a Dr. visit much less medication.

It is A blessing to Have such Services.

If Senate Bill 722 Passes many W.V. Residents along with myself will be affected and not be able to afford our medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Jones

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Ramona Jarrett
132 Taylor Rd
Dunbar WV 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I love all of you all
You mean the world to me
What would I do with out you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ramona Jarrett

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/12/08

From: Lisa Pinson
3349 Rt 75 lot 8
Huntington WV, 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If you all would take my clinic away I would be in bad shape because I don't make enough to pay for the paps appointment and mammograms that I need. I don't how you all expect people to pay for Drs + things when you all raise taxes on everything. Try to raise a healthy family and all you all want to do is run them down, and if you work, you can't get help, so what are you suppost to do! I guess you need to be rich to live anymore. I hope you all take in consideration of the ones who can't afford it and keep this opening running. I've been coming for years and if wasn't for them, I don't know what I would've done, because I can't afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pinson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 12, 2008

From: Delores J. Smith
HC 67 Box 448
Kiahsville, WV 25534

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Need Medicine from my free Clinic Because I have No Insurance & I Cannot afford my medicine. This Clinic has really been good to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Delores J. Smith

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 12, 2008

From: Paula J. Nelson
HC 67 Box 158
Kiahsville WV 25534

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free clinic because there are so many families without health insurance without programs like this one I would not be able to afford my medication that I need daily, so as you can see this is just One reason families need to rely on programs like this one for help with medication that could mean life or death in some health situations. Thank You to Ebenezer Clinic!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paula J Nelson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-12-08

From: Monica Adams
1005 Libby Lane
Barboursville, WV 25504

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I went for years without needed medication for swelling in my legs. I can't work for very long at a time without it. If this free service is taken from me, I will again be without the medication that I need. Everyone is not in a job situation to have insurance to help with this. Ebenezer has made it easier for me to work with supplying me the necessary medication that I need to endure the long days on my feet.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Monica Adams

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 12, 2008

From: Reba Ancell
RR 1 Box 462 F
West Hamlin, WV 25571

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without this facility I would not be able to see any doctors or medical personnel but most importantly I would not be able to buy any medications. I have fibromyalgia and other medical problems. Without ~~$~~ meds I would not be able to function and within a month I would be bedfast. My husband is disabled and gets a small check each month. He is on oxygen and a lot of meds. We have no other money and barely make it from month to month. Please keep this facility going. After all-we all don't sit in our big luxury chair in air condition office making rules that are absolutely ridiculous

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Reba Ancell

I agree you may publish this letter

Without this facility I would do without medicines and doctor care.

Date: 8-12-08

From: Patricia A Reynolds
1905 Pine Grove Dr
Culloden WV 25510

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This clinic is very helpful to me and all the other People. I can not afford regular Dr. office I have no Insurance for medical attention and for my medecine it ~~was~~ would be a Hard ship for me due to my income. I am not eligible for Medical card Please think twice before Shuting down our free clinic.

Thank you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Reynolds OK to publish

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/04/2008

From: Mark Ruth
RT 7, Box 238-A
S. Charleston, W.V. 25309

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I think that anyone that are not able to work, or work in a company that offers no health insurance, should get their meds from a free clinic when needed. Please pick on the one's who can afford prescriptions, and not the lower-class working citizen. We have enough trouble paying to get to work for this country's survival, and keeping up with bills. I understand that there may be some individuals that abuse the free clinic services, but for the most part, most need this kind of case and medicine-on-hand because most, like myself, will only go to a free clinic for meds and care when absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Ruth

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7, 2008

From: Benjamin A. Randolph
4527 Kanawha Ave SW
South Charleston, WV

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Is there is no way that I can afford the prive of ~~any~~ prestption without it. With ~~[illegible]~~ school I don't make enough to pay over $100 for the prestion that I need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-3-09

From: Paula Ramos BSSW
746 Yourk Ave
Chas WV 25302

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am poor this is the ONLY place where I can get any of my needed Daily Medications. The only place that would treat me Because ie of ∅ income ∅ insurance. Please don't cut the needed medical services to ~~fo~~ poor underclasses We need help please, It could be you someday!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paula Ramos BSSW ☐ I agree you may publish this letter

The Health Light Clinic has been a life saver for me. When I was unexpectedly out of work, no insurance and no income, they provided me with my medication and my Health needs. Every community and State needs a facility like this.

Mary Randolph
Cross Roads Village Apts.
Apt. 203
Nitro, WV 25143

Date: 8-4-07

304
From: 437-8035
Gloria Riddick
1319 Lee St #607
Chas WV 25301

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

~~This place~~ Health Right is a must to my health care At this this time And in the past they have offer help with much care Please Find way to keep Health Right. ☺ Thanks

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Gloria Riddick

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August, 6, 2008 A.D.

From: Daniel A. Quiroguio
549 Duncow Maine
Charleston, WV 25302

← Don't publish LAST name, please Thank you and may God Bless you all.

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because of a long period without employment having to take care of first my mother, God rest her soul and now my dad, I have not been able to afford insurance. Health right providing Low cost or even free medicine has been very helpful to me and my family, This Rule, although with good intent and reasons, might make it very difficult for me and people like to get proper medicines.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Daniel A. Quiroguio

☒ I agree you may publish this letter
BUT not publish my LAST name, please
Thank you and
may God Bless you all

Date: 8-14-08

From: Janice Parr
P. O. Box 75023
Charleston

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a unemployed diabetic and if this law is enforced or passed I will have to go without my medication. Even though some places offered at a discount I would still need to have the bus fare to get there. Please make sure all people can keep getting the valuable medications they need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janice R Parr

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 6, 2008

From: Lynn Pringle & La'Mart Scott
218 Garrison Ave.
Chas. WV 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no health insurance and no way to obtain the medication that I need. I rely on this clinic for my needs. Where else will I be able to receive this service?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lynn Pringle

La'Mart Scott

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Lucinda Smith
886 Cottontree Rd.
Walton, WV 25286

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm not old enough to get Medicare. I depend on the medicine I get here. If the pharmacy stops supplying medicine to me, I have no other source of income to afford all that my medicine costs. I'm not able to get SSI. My husband has leukemia and we struggle with even the food. If I don't get my medicine here then I probably would die because Im on 10-11 different kind. Im dibetic, blood pressure, pain meds. So please don't stop letting us get our medicine here.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Smith

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Judy Sears
PO Box 437
Clendenin, WV 25045

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a Diabetic and unemployed and I cannot afford the money to buy my medicine, this clinic has really helped me I've been a patient of West Virginia Health Right since 1988 they have really been good to my and a lot of other people I have no Insurance my medicines run around a 1,000.00 a month so please ~~don't~~ do not stop ~~the~~ giving the free medicines to people at this Clinic there are a lot of people like my self without Ins. and no way to pay for them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Sears

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Rebecca Spurlock
103½ Elm St
Spencer, WV 25276

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no health insurance. I cannot afford to pay for all the meds that I take. The free meds from the clinic helps to keep my B/P and Diabetes under control.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Spurlock

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Joyce Sowell
1020 West Virginia ave
Dunbar, WV. 25064

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I don't have enough income to pay for any medicines I may need. I'm sure there are a lot of others who also desparily need this Service.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce Sowell

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-2008

From: Lelia S. Spangler
P.O. Box 33
Pond Gap WV 25160

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been a patient at Health Right for years and so was my husband Ruthe died and he was a diebiec and so I am I they all have been so good to me I see the Doctor here have been For years Because I don't have any medical Covery of any kind I have Throdey - and alot of othe things a wrong with me I don't Know what I would Do if it wasn't For Health Right Every one that works there is good to me all the time that's why I like going there.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lelia Sue Spangler

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Inez Sears
Rt 1, Box 29
Frametown, WV
26623

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from this free clinic because without it I couldn't afford my medicine or the check-ups I get here. I have no insurance and cannot afford to buy insurance. at 55 yrs of age I have high-blood pressure thats hard to control. my husband who is 61 is not able to work because of his back. so with out this clinic I don't know what I would do for medicine. please keep it open.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Inez Sears

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

August 7, 2008

To Whom it May Concern.

My husband and I are both patients at West Virginia Health Right and we are very upset to find out that you want to make rules to require free clinics to have a pharmacist or stop providing free Medications to patients. These rules Could Cause free Clinics to Close and What are people in need going to ~~do~~ do for Care?

We Can't afford health Care and our Medications and we Couldn't make it without Health Right.

Sincerely
Loretta + Charles B Riddle
3471 Clover Dr.
Chas. WV 25306

Date: 8-14-08

From: Barbara Ray
HC88 Box 50A
Stotts Mills W.V. 25271

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 62 years old. Without Insurance
can not afford my Stomach med. that is
in Blessing Hospital in Lewisburg.
This Clinic need to stay open to help
people The Law-Makers are making
so much Money for so Little work
they forget it

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Terry K. Reed
2222-B Zabel Dr
Charleston W.V. 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm out of work an on SSI

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry K. Reed

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-14-2008

From: Michael W. Reedy
1546 Jackson St. #4
Chas. WV. Va. 25311

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Cannot afford to buy medications from regular pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Reedy

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: James Spencer
713 Winton Ct. #111
Charleston WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a Diabetic, I can't afford to pay for my medications, & Help Right help me, with the needs I need for my Diabetic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James Spencer

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08/04/08

From: Sam Savilla
2416 Shadyside Dr
St. Albans WV 25177

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Am unable To pay For Any medication And depend on HEALTH RIGHT 100%. The people There Are A god Send For me. They Are very interested in A persons health. They have bent over backwards For me in The past. I know I can never repay Them For Their kindness And medical help. Their kindness is contageous. God Bless each And every-one of Them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sam Savilla

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-08

From: Amy Slater
128 Relation Rd.
Cross Lanes WV 25313

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a waitress at Shoney's and have been for 26 years, with today's gas prices alot of people are cutting back one way or another. One way I have noticed is not as many people eating out. And many people have cut back on tipping. I make 2.13 an hr. There is no way I can afford Dr. visits or the medication I need to stay healthy and continue working.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy Slater

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 14, 2008

From: Teresa G. Slaughter
5314 Kentucky St.
So. Chas. WV 25309

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it wasn't for this clinic I wouldn't be able to take my medicines because with our fixed income of $1056.00 with our bills rent - utilies - etc. we have nothing left. There is NO extra money left for medicines.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa G. Slaughter

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From Kathy S. Shaffer
1de3 Connell Rd
Chas WV 25314

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and cannot afford any. If I do not recieve help from the clinic I don't know what I would do. I Take 2 types of blood pressure medication and I could not afford it otherwise. I am a single mother trying to make it on my own. I could not survive without some type of medical care. The Health rite of WV is great and helps me and so many others.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy S. Shaffer

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Jeannie Stewart
196 Wertz Ave
Charleston WV 25311

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Due to many living factors, I wouldn't be able to get my medication that is needed for me if I couldn't get it here at Healthright. Healthright has helped me out alot with the service that they provide me. Due to that I'm no longer working and have Children to provide for the free medicine helps me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Stewart

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Donna Stackhouse
808 F Street
So. Chas WV 25303

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My income is not enough for me to pay for all of my medications with out the help I recieve from this clinic I would not be able to pay for them. I am working the best I can to just pay my bills. I have high blood presure and I am on three diffent meds to kept it under control. Without these meds I am at high risk for heart attack or stroke. Please do not let this law pass. I wouldn't know what to do if I didn't get my meds filled here at this clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Stackhouse

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: Rector Southall
HC 62 Box 107
Kenna WV 25248

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no ins. to pay for my Med.
Health Right help me get my Med.
I would not get my Med if it wasent for
Health Right

Thank you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Rector Southall

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 4, 08

From: Sylvester L. Smith, Sr.
5220 Starling Dr.
Charleston WV 25306

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a concerned citizen and from what I know of this free clinic words can not express how they have helped the needy. My mother-in-law has passed on but her help was given through this clinic otherwise she could not afford any other assistance. We feel eternal greatful for this clinic and hope every consideration is taken to keep it here for the sake of those who can't afford anything else.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Sylvester L. Smith, Sr.

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-1-2005

From: George Slate
PO Box 77
Hughestion, WV. 25110

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This is A rule that has been made by Stupid Lawy Makers who have no Knowledge of healthcare. If Mr. Kapourales is behind this rule, he is trying to line his own packet. If these people can't get their medicine from this Clinic, my Self included we will face multitudes of health care costs that we will be unable to pay as a result of Strokes and other complications from not being able to afford meds. We need meds not a pharmacist. We don't see them anyway

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

George A Slate

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: Billie R. Sims
1238 Washington St W #B
Charleston, WV

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I don't have health insurance without the free clinic I could not afford my meds. or see a doctor without this free clinic please help me and so many others to get the meds we need and to see a doctor.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Billie R. Sims

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 11 Aug 08

From: Jack Smith
233 Brookview Dr
Foster, WV 25081

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am Self Employed and Am A Diabetic Since My Condition is Considered Pre-Existing Ins. cost is Not Even an option For me due to the high Cost. I have a Family and Just like Many Working Americans Its tough to make Ends meet From wk to wk. IF I would Not have this Clinic to help me and I was forced to Choose between Putting Food on the table For My Family and buying my Meds. I would let myself go to Provide For my Family. I Appreciate all the Staff and doctors For their donated time to help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack Smith

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: Brenda Schoolcraft
P.O. 1174
Glendevin, WV 25045

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This Clinic has saved my life. If it weren't for them and all their help living in this state it is the most difficult State to get a job that does has insurance. There is no way I could possibly afford the medicine's I need to survive I have high Blood pressure and have had one Heart attack. I have a ~~Heart~~ Please allow them to keep helping this Community

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Brenda Schoolcraft

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-10-08

From: Alice Shaffer
260 Trinity Way
Elkview WV 25071

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I can't afford it the clinic has been a Big Help to me. And the other Patients that Can not afford their Meds.,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice Spencer

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Doris Spaulding
PO Box 37
Lyburn WV 25632

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have alot of medical problem and no medical insurance and causes me to be unable to work and I have 17yr old Child with a $600.00 mnth income unable to pay for my medicine. And Divorce & Single

Thank You.
Ms. Spaulding

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Doris Spaulding

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 18, 2008

From: Teresa Sands
P.O. Box 115
Foster WV 25081

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Friend comes here she need to keep getting her Med's here because there no way She can Buy any of her Med's. We need to keep getting Med's here at Health Right

There are a lot of people in WV that dont here any Insurance at all. They need to keep getting there Meds.

Let's not ~~Change~~ Change This.

They do a good Job with Everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa Gail Sands

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-8-08

From: Nancy Turner
HC 61 Box 143
Marmet WV 25315

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Right now I am just starting a new and I will not have insurance for 90 days and the medications I need are maintence medication and this could cause me to decide between food & medication. Some of my medication are needed for my life to continue, my insulin, HBP medication. Some of my medications cost over 240.00 so this would be a hardship for me

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Turner

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-15-08

From: Misty A. Tanner
1722 Walker Creek Rd
Chloe WV 25235

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The reason I need this clinic is because my medication for one month is near one thousand dollars. I'm 28 years old and was recently diagnosed with a chronic colon disease and was hospitalized for four days. I have a seven year old son to take care of and without my medicine would not be able to be the mother I need to be. The disease I have must be controlled with medication or it can lead to a colostomy bag or even death. Consider that when trying to pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Misty A. Tanner

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Beverly Keener for Fred Thorne
700 Leopard Run
Gassaway WV 26624

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have a small farm in Braxton County and ~~the~~ selling approximately 40 calves a year is my only regular income. I have no health insurance.

I could not get my prescriptions filled if I did not have Health ~~Rite~~ Right or something like it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Thorne by
Beverly Keener -sister

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Cindy Tignor
322 West Main St.
Saint Albans, WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My meds. cost to much so the free clinic helps get my meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cindy L. Tignor

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-11-08

From: Maysel Truman
P.O Box 301
Gauley Bridge, WV 25085-

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need help from the free Clinic because my Husband is disabled with no prescription Coverage and no additional insurance to pay for our drugs. I also do not have prescription Coverage, altho, medicare offers Medicare part "D" we would be worse off if we elected to take this part "D" because of the Donut-Hole. Both my Husband & myself are on numerous drugs each month and have fixed Low income, therefore we can not afford to pay premiums and co-pays as well as purchase our drugs during the Donut-Hole period. We would have to choose between food and medicine. Please help us.!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Maysel M. Truman

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: AUG 05, 2008

From: GAYNELLE WORKMAN

303 PARK DR

CHARLESTON WV 25302

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

WITHOUT THIS CLINIC, I'LL HAVE TO SACRIFICE MY HEALTHCARE ALTOGETHER. I AM A SINGLE PARENT WITH TWO CHILDREN. I HAVE HYPERTHYROIDISM, HYPER-TENSION AND SEVERE CARDIAC ISSUES. MY CHILDREN & I DEPEND COMPLETELY ON WV HEALTH RIGHT FOR MY CARE. MY HUSBAND, THEIR FATHER, IS DECEASED. STOPPING THIS FREE CLINIC IS PASSING A DEATH SENTENCE ON ME.

PLEASE, THINK OF ALL OF US THAT WILL NO LONGER HAVE HEALTHCARE AND MEDICINES. MY MEDICINES ALONE IS OVER $700. PLEASE DO NOT PASS SENATE BILL 722.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gaynelle L Workman

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Myra Walker
922 Jackson Rd
St Albans WV 25177

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I make very little money and no insurance and my medicine would cost me around $800.00 if I did have Health Right Pharmacy to come to and there would be no way I could ever afford to pay for it I would just have to not take the medicines they say I need. The Health Right Pharmacy as well as Health Right itself is a much needed establishment. Without it I don't know what myself and others would do.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Myra Walker

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Christine Weaver
HC 61, Box 73
New Martinsville WV
26155

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

As a liver Transplant patient, I could not afford to buy medications without the help of the free Clinics providing me with medications needed.

Just one medication for me was $350.00 (Asacol) for a 3 month supply I could not afford any of my medications without the help of WV Rx & other organizations

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christine Weaver

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From Lisa Burgess
PO Box 272
Blair, WV 25022

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and can't get a card for from the welfare.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Burgess

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 7, 2008

From: Amber Nicole Baldwin

Legg Star Rt Box 204 A

Sissonville, WV 25320

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

With the raising of gasoline, food, and etc., it is becoming more difficult everyday to be able to provide for one's self and family. It costs so much now that one can not afford to get sick or get hurt, without the help of Healthright numbereous people would suffer. We all know how very expensive medications are and Healthright has gone above and beyond what we need to make our daily living possible. Health is something that is a must to keep me on working and doing my everyday chores. I have not been able to go to the doctor until I found out about Healthright. The doctor's bill alone was keeping me from it but medication was completely out of the question. You would be making a gravely mistake to cut out the prescribitions part of Health clinics. The public does a little break, Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Amber Nicole Baldwin

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-04-08

From: Allen + Patricia Barker
5411 Big Branch Rd.
Danville WV 25053

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If this place didn't take people like up I would mean we would not get the medical needs we need. It costed me $50.00 Just to have an other Dr. Look at my foot + did nothing for me he said I wouldn't have the money for me to get the things done that I needed Because of our Income. There are alot of people like us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia J Barker

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08/07/2009

From: INALTA BECAT
1333 LIGHTNER AVE
DUNBAR WV, 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

ONE OF THE MAIN REASON WHY I COME TO THE FREE CLINIC IS BECAUSE I CAN NOT AFFORD INSURANCE AND PERSCIBTION DRUG. IF THEY PUT PRICE ON MEDICATION THEN EVEN THE FREE CLINIC WILL BE TO EXPENSIVE

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

INALTA BECAT

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4 08

From: Cheryl Cuny

[illegible] Box 1062

Pinoyed, WV

25721

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no job. Not able to work. Have no insurance at all. This is the only way that I can get my medicine. I need this and hope you will take this in consideration.

Thank

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Cuny

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Gary Conrad
404 Kanawha Ct
St. Albans WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I, as well as others don't have Insurance and the Loss of Medication from Healthrite will Cause us not to get the meds we needy, and with the High cost of Medications and Insurance that the Lawmakers Allow, we would Never be able to afford medication or Insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary A Conrad

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Richard L. Curry
HC 73 Box 2260
Dingess, WV 25671

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because the State of WV did not help me I did not have the money on a med. Card because I was sick had heart problems I could not get a med. card because I could not go to the Dr. to get a spell down. I thank God for this place.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Larry Curry

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 6, 2018

From: Meryl Cook
323 Grove Ave
Charleston WV 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm unemployed due to medical reasons. I need my medications to survive. And even if I was working I couldn't afford the cost. Please don't take my meds away, my life would be hopeless without them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Meryl Cook

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-2008

From: Eva Copley
1878 Sugar Ck. Drive
Chas, WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

To Senate Bill 722
I Am a 54 year old Single Woman. I work, doing home health Care taking care of an elderly lady. Therefore I do not have health insurance. The Clinic has helped me more than I can ever say. If it were not for my meds here I could not afford them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Eva L. Copley

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Zuella L Copeland
1520 Woodland Drive
Charleston, W Va. 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if didn't get help from this clinic; I couldn't afford all my medicines. My insurance does not Cover my (perscriptions.) Without free clinics and help on medicines I would end up in the hospital alot.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Zuella L Copeland

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: ROBERT A. BAYTOS
1411 MAIN AVE.
NITRO WV, 25143

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I WORK PART TIME AT CAMC. I CAN BARLEY AFFORD TO PUT GAS IN MY CAR AND FOOD ON MY TABLE. IF IT WASN'T FOR HEALTH-RITE I WOULD NEVER BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD MY LIFE-SAVING PRESCRIPTION I HAVE BEEN WITHOUT INSURANCE FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS. WHY DON'T YOU GET US SOME AFFORDABLE HEALTH INS. INSTEAD OF TAKING AWAY WHAT WE CAN AFFORD.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Baytos

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Debra Barnett
63 Country Roads Park
Poca, WV 25159

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I dont qualify for medicare or medicade and am waiting on a SS hearing. I cant work and have no income. If Healthrite pharmacy is shut down I will have to go without medication. What am I, and many like me, supposed to do?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Debra K Barnett

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Ronald Burdette
1534 Chandler Drive
Charleston, WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Cant afford to Pay for My Meds They are to High Diabetic with Stroke with out Meds Test will have to Die I Guess

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald Burdette

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 7/6/08

From: Sharon Barnett
PO Box 891
Poca, WV 25159

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I do not have insurance. My husband & myself are both self-employed we can not afford health insurance. Both of us are diabetics, have high blood pressure. Also my husband had 5 by-pass surgery and is on 13 different medication. We can not afford his medications without the free clinic. Please do not close the pharmacy

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Rose Barnett

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 8-008

From: Nancy
Barnhouse
1346 Cotton Tree Rd,
Walton, WV 25286

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was getting Medicine here about 15 years until I got on Medicaid, If it ~~Changes~~ medicaid stop's helping me, I would have to come back to Heath Right, I have a Sister depends on Heath Right to get her Medicine, if she couldn't get in, she would have to die.
please don't change how, they help people,
I have lots of Friend, depend's on it too,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Nancy Barnhouse

X OK - I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Ron Burford
5825 Midland Dr
Chas, WV 25306

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I donot have Insurance when I work If I did not have this place it would be Hard for me

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-08-08

From: BELINDA Booker
906 DuPont Ave
Nitro, WV 25143

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without my free clinic I would not be able to take my medication, Everyone deserves health care but few can afford it so the Quality of Life my result in death. I am sure that all elected officals have no problem recieving their medications and health care for themselves and family, dont take mine away.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Belinda Booker

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Vickie L. Buzzard
P.O. Box 362
Dawes, W. V. 25054

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have many medical problems. Without this clinic and their pharmacy I would be without my 9 medications. I don't have insurance and at this time my cash income is only $50.00 a week. Only one of my medications cost's $280.00. This clinic is a Godsend to people like me. Please do not limit them to the help they provide.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Vickie L. Buzzard

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-11-2008

From: Rise L. Bailey
205 Glen St.
Chas., WV 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been impovrished my entire life. At the age of 63 1/2, naturally I need some regular medications, with today's high prices not only on meds, but also on heat, Food + Gas prices. Without this clinic I would not be able to afford any of my meds. This is a very caring facility + they do excellent work. Please do something to keep this facility open + save more lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rise L. Bailey

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-06-08

From: Merry Blankenship

PO Box 306

Peach Creek WV 25639

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

~~but~~ Without this clinic I cannot afford my medicines. I live on a VA Pension with my husband. I have no insurance and since coming here I can get my medicines. Before I had to go without. This clinic has been a life saver for me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Merry Blankinship

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Roger Beach
117 Huntington St.
St. Albans WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need free medication at this time because I have no funds to pay for it at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger Beach

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-18-08

From: Jess Adkins
P.O Box 832
Peca WV 25159

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work as a telemarketer not making very much money and I can't Afford Insurance I already Drive 45 miles to and from work, If it wasn't For healthright I would just have to suffer from Diabetes Because I can't Afford to live as it is. Thanks God For Health Right and thier staFF

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jess Adkins

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 4, 2008

From: Martha Acka
8118 Maryland Ave
Marmet, WV 25315

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My daughter has just started to go to Health Right because her medical card was taken from her. Her income is $0, except for food stamps & HUD that pays her rent & util. Because of the lack of income, there is no money for her to buy medicines & I can't afford to pay for them. Without this clinic pharmacy I don't know what she do. Please don't allow this pharmacy to be closed.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Martha Acka

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 4, 2008

From: Mary Ann Turley
2715 Fairlawn Ave. Lot 48
Dunbar, WV 25064

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free clinic because it is impossible for me to afford medicine on my income I am a Single Mother of two. My medicine is very important especially for high blood pressure and anxiety attacks. If I can't afford them I'll have to stop taking them. Which will result in a stroke or heart attack. My children defintely need their mother. Please don't enforce this rule, I'm not the only one that will be losing.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Turley

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-14-08

From: Daniel S. Taylor Jr. / c/o Rita Waite
1902-B Legg Fork Rd.
Sissonville, W.V. 25320

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have GRAND MAL Epilepsy and don't make enough money to pay for Medication or a Doctor visit. With out Health Rights I couldn't hold down a job or take care of my infant daughter. My medication is my life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Taylor Jr.

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: James E Townsend

1319 Lee Street East

Charleston WV 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Low Income Need meds to keep my B/P And Blood Level In check for blood clots High Risk Factor

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James E Townsend

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: Michael A. Thompson
5701 Starling Drive
Chas, WV 25606

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I do not have insurance to pay for my medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Thompson

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Shawn Thomasson

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can afford medicine & charges to go to the dentist. I have no income at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shawn Thomasson

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Randy Taylor
113 Pelaton Rd
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

It is a blessing that this clinic is here for a lot of us I know I can't afford my med's and I guess if you can't get med's you will have a stroke or die I am thankfull for this clinic and all the people who give their time here

God Bless

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Randy Taylor

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/8/08

From: Stephen VALKOS
607 BROOKS ST.
Charleston, WV. 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't know what I would do without the clinic. They also help people worse off than myself and I'm not so bad off. There are people who would simply die without the free medications. It's hard enough on peoples lives as it is. The clinic acts in a very professional manner and are cautious about medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Stephen Valkos

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/5/08

From: Mary Wood
PO Box 4526
Chapmanville WV
25508

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the help of HealthRight my daughter could not get meds. She is very ill & depends on Healthright. Health Right conducts a great service for those uninsured. Please reconsider upon decision. Without the assistance of Health Right my daughter will die.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Wood

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08/07/08

From: Shawn Ray Wears
29358 Kanawha Valley Rd
Southside WV 25187

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Others Including myself need these medicines to help during a financial situation, That's why people come to a free Clinic where it is free. Some people need help, Others just milk it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr Wears

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-14-08

From: Rita G. Waite
1902-B Legg Fork Rd
Sissonville, WV. 25320

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have several medical conditions such as Type II diabetes, high blood pressure, COPD, etc. my medication is extremely high and my husband is a temporary only making $7.50 an hour. He also is a Hemophiliac and could have a bleed and miss work. NO Work no Pay! This clinic and its medicine is probably what keeps me alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Rita G. Waite

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-14-08

From: Ella Watts
611 Adam St.
Charleston, WV 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Just like everything else food gas utilities and medicine is expensive you can't afford to to buy anything it will not only hurt me but thousands of others part time worker don't get insurance so what are we to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Ella Watts

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 14, 2008

From: Gerald L Woods
708 B Coal River Rd
St. Albans, WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am employed at St. Albans Fas-Chek and have no medical coverage. I take medicine for hypertension and high cholesterol which I could not afford if not for Health-Rite.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gerald L Woods

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Shirley White
P.O. Box 84
Twilight WV 25904

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no other means of getting medicine for my wife

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley White

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: Shirley Whittington
1011 Rocky Step Road
Winfield, WV 25213

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have always been able to work & had health Insurance. Now I have so much pain constanly that it is hard to function. My medicine is so important. The WV Health Right has provided me with the meds & Doctors that I need to help me have more flexibilty Not being able to work a full time job is for the pain & Not being able to walk. I appreciate & Need the help that I have received from Health Right

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley J Whittington

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/8/08

From: Bennie L. Woods Jr
701 Hunt Ave
Charleston, WV 25303

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We need the help of the clinic to keep helping us in our every day life as we need medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-2008

From: Linda J Williams
1518 Dixie St Chas
WV 25311

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

At this time I don't have full time work and I do have to have my medication for my asmtha - if I'm sick I can't work - The importantace of this clinic what it provides CAN NOT be measured; to me and people less off than me. I hop there is still compassion in this world for people not fall short of the way things should be for everybody just not the few.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Linda J Williams

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Lynette Harvey
Rt 2 Box 190
Alderson WV 25670

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm in bad health, my heart & Tibo. My husband is on old age we live on a fixed income, I can work at this time without the free clinic and the medicine I can get here, I don't know what I would do without it. I thank God we have the clinic and the medicine we get here. Without the medicine I get here for my heart I would be dead.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lynette Harvey

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Arthur L. Washingto
824 Central Ave #607
Chas WV 25302

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

IS Because I am unable To Fond It,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Washington

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: James White
St. Albans, WV
25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I cannot afford all or any of the medication I need so that I can get and main a Job.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James P White

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 7/18/08

From: Cathy Wines
2900 Blaine Blvd
Chas. WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm on an fixed income and can't afford my medicines. Health Right has helped me with my medicines for years.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy J Wines

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: mr Stephen
Anthony Fisher
1616 Kenna Drive
So. Charleston, WV 25309

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Need These medicines because I dont have the money to go to a Drug Store and get them I am not work at this time, and It would be a hardship for me if it was Not for the Health Right if i had to Pay the foul Price for my Drugs I could not by food or any Thing Ealse

so go after some one Ealse and leave us Poor People alone

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen A Fisher

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: LESLIE OASO
ATI BOX 35
CHAPMANVILLE, WV

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I HAVE BEN UNEMPLOYED SINCE 1994. I ~~took~~ WAS A TOTAL CAREGIVER FOR MY MOTHER FROM 1984 UNTIL 2004, WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. I DEVELOPED DIABETES WITH NEURALGIA IN MY FEET AND LEGS. I HAVE NO INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL CARE AND A VERY LIMITED INCOME. THE COST FOR MY MEDICATIONS WOULD BANKRUPT ME AND PUT ME ON WELFARE. THIS CLINIC HAS BEEN A GODSEND FOR MY SITUATION AS MY SITUATION IS IN HARD WAY.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Leslie Oaso

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Randall Byrnside
962 Zerkle St.
St. Albans W.V.

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I did not have this offered to me I would have to Stop my medicine. I can not afford my medicine any other way. I need this program or would probbly die with out it. I could not in any way pay for medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Randall Byrnside

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Deborah Braddock
1842 D Oakridge Dr
Charleston WV 25314

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the help of this clinic I would never be able to get the medicines that I need. I am a single mom trying to live on $300. a month. Some of the meds I need cost that and more if I would have to pay full price. I'm 57 years old and if this clinic would have to stop helping people like me. Are you going to help us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Braddock

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Shawn Thomasson

102 Taylor St.

Hurricane WV 25526

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Cant afford medicine & charges to go to the dentist. I have no income at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shawn Thomasson

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Randall Byrnside
962 Zerkle St.
St. Albans W.V. 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I did not have this offered to me I would have to Stop My Medicine. I can not afford My Medicine any other way. I need this program or would probbly die with out it. I could not in any way pay for Medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Randall Byrnside

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/18/08

From: Joseph Taylor
2314 Kanawha Terrace
St. Albans WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without this pharmacy my blood-pressure would not be under control. If my blood-pressure is not controlled my health is greatly at risk, quality of life would take a down-turn for the worse.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Taylor

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/14/08

From: Fonda Woods
141-57th Street
Charleston, WV 25304

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm A diabetic, And I can't afford insulin or the medicine that I have to take.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Fonda L. Woods

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: SYNTHIA WELCH
1823-D 7th Ave
Chas WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

BECAUSE I AM A DIABETIC & CANNOT
~~AFOR~~ AFFORD INSURANCE TO PAY FOR MEDICATIONS

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Synthia Welch

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Charlene Wells
P.O Box 1166
Elkview WV 25071

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have any insurance these people here are friendly and are Concerned with all the people who comes in here What little Charge they want is a lot less if I had to pay a few more dollars I would hope they can get some more help to help them need more people to help us with Whatever they can

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charlene Wells

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 4-8-08

From: Lee Wirtz
P.O. Box 20102
Charlestan, WV 25362

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Am 63 years old And can't ~~Afford~~ Heath Insurance And I'm not old enough For Medicare. I would not have my med's For Diabetes, High Blood Pressure & Allergie's With out Heath Right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lee Wirtz

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: Billy Ray Anderson
1205 6th ST Chas
WVA 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I cant AFFord To Buy Medician
And I cant AFFord INS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Billy Ray Anderson

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-08

From: JOHN GRIFFITH
20014 Coal River Rd.
Seth WV 25181

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I NEED THESE MEDICATIONS BECAUSE I COULD NOT AFFORD THEM. OTHER WISE, IT IS CONVIENIENT BECAUSE IF ANY QUESTION COME UP ABOUT MY MEDICATION. THEY CAN CONTACT MY PHYSICIAN AND TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM WHILE I WAIT. WITHOUT HAVING TO RUN UP & DOWN THE ROAD. TO GET THE MATTER TAKEN CARE OF. I AM ESTABLISHED HERE AND WOULD LIKE TO STAY HERE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Griffith

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Alan K McCormick

P.O. Box 123

Sod WV 25564

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Been out of work and I Been In the Hospital 2 Time Recent

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K McCormick

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: AUGUST 6 2008

From: COOKIE BARTON
35 MICHAEL ST
SCOTT DEPOT WV

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

As myself I don't need help I have insurance, but I have friends that are very close to me. THAT COULD NOT AFFORD THEIR MEDICATIONS WITHOUT help from clinic. What are they suppose TO DO.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cookie Barton

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: SONJA McCLAIN
59 DUNBAR AVE.
DUNBAR WV 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

MUSCEL STRAIN

THE COST OF MEDICINES HAVE BECOME SO EXPENSIVE I CAN'T AFFORD THEM. IF IT WERE NOT THE HELP OF HEALTH WRIGHT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET MY MEDICINES. SO PLEASE DO NOT PASS THE SENATE BILL 722.

THANK YOU.

Sonja McClain

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sonja McClain

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/6/08

From: Karen Southers
P. O. Box 128
Blair, W. Va 25022

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm not a person who needs to come to the clinic, But unfortunately my friend is. She comes all the way from Logan County for the clinic, and the meds. It's a long side, but the doctors are outrageous on their visits. I wish you luck in getting people to participate. They won't fill this one as long as the clinic meds are available. But let them stop distributing them, and then listen to them complain. Thanks for helping those in need

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Southers

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: TERESA REED
2311 4th Ave
Charleston WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There is so many peopl out there who would suffer with out Healt Right ~~to~~ and I am one of them We the poor people Just Can't afford the prices that the Goverment has on medicine and greatly need our medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Teresa Reed

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 7-31-08

From: Frank Peroula
2501 #1 Washington St.
Charleston WV 25311

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

With the economy and gas prices
there is no way I can afford to
pay for my meds. One medication
alone is over $300 I do work but
have no health care insurence
do to high prices.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____ ☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-2008

From: Lelia S. Spangler
P.O. Box 33
Pond Gap WV 25160

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been a patient at Health Right for years and so was my husband Ruthe died and he was a diebiec and so I am I they all have been so good to me I see the Doctor here have been for years Because I don't have any medical Coverg of any kind I have Throdey - and alot of othe things a wrong with me I don't Know what I would Do if it wasn't for Health Right Every one that works there is good to me all the time that's why I like going there.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lelia Sue Spangler

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Leslie Orso
ATI Box 35
Chapmanville, WV 25508

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been unemployed since 1994. I ~~took~~ was a total caregiver for my mother from 1994 until 2004, when she passed away. I developed diabetes with neuralgia in my feet and legs. I have no insurance for medical care and a very limited income. The cost for my medications would bankrupt me and put me on welfare. This clinic has been a God send for my situation as my situation is in hard way.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Leslie Orso

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Date: 8-6-08

From: mr Stephen
Anthony Fisher
1616 Kenna Drive
So. Charleston, WV 25309

Dear Secretary of State:

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so go after some one Ealse and Leave us Poor People alone

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen A Fisher

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/13/08

From: Jeffrey George
3532 1/2 Springfork Dr
Charleston WV 25306

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Am on a Limited Income of $1199.00 monthly and Trying to raise 2 Children and care for my Disabled Wife. My Health is Poor and on this Income I Pay my Bills and Mortgage and that Takes my monthly Check in Which I Have no Extra to Pay for my Medecine's or my Dr Visits. I Anticipate This will not be Very-Long term but As of Now my Needs are Greatly Relying on the Clinic for my Medication

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey George

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: Andre Horton
1560 Dixie St.
Charleston WV 25301

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

[redacted] I Don't have money to pay for My Medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Andre Horton

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-2008

From: ~~William C Lanier~~

Rt. 1 Box 311A

Liberty WV 25124

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no job, and not able to work.
I have no insurance to pay for it. No medicare.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William C Lanier

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Kenneth Cutlip
P.O. Box 77
Clendenin, WV 25045

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not buy my med they ar 400.00 a mouth. And it is nice to have some where to go and get my meds Chep

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Cutlip

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Alisha Covest
PO Box 9089
S. Charleston, W.V. 25309

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a married mother of 4 children, my spouce works every day but medical insurance in not available to us. I need blood pressure meds. There is no way I can afford to buy these med's on my own. If you take away the free meds I will have a stroke or heart attac and possibly leave my children without a mother. Please don't take my life!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alisha Covest

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Deborah Braddock
1842 D Oakridge Dr
Charleston WV 25311

To whom it concerns:

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Braddock

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Date: 8-18-08

From: David E. Bailey
4887 Klondike Rd.
Cross Lanes, W.V. 25313-2305

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no income this would hurt me badly, I need my blood pressure medicine, and the other medicines daily if it wasn't for Health Rite I don't know what I would do. Do something about that bill, its not right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
David E. Bailey

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-05

From: David Caldwell
724 High ST
St. Albans WV 25177

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a working West Virginia resident with no insurance and being able to come here & get meds. at a discount rate is remarkable for not only myself but every one within reach. And to stop this would cause damage to good people. So I hope that some one can keep this clinic going for years to come for the people who truly need discount rates. — Don't we pay enough already

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Caldwell

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/08/1[illegible]

From: Patricia S. Cain
235 Stewart Acres Apt #1
Winfield WV 25213

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I lost my job due to a car accident. I do not have health insurance. The only income I have is 114 weekly from unemployment. I am sure there are similar situations throughout WV. Situation ~~the~~ the same, no job, no money, no money for medicine. This clinic is a God send.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patricia S. Cain

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: William Coleman
P.O. Box 143
Newtown WV
25686

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been coming here for years and if it wasn't for these clinic's i would of lost my life i have Sugar, heart problems, high blood pressure and i don't have know othere way getting my medication and i thank God every day for my free clinic so i can get my medication so i can Live Longer with no worries, God blessed me with this free Clinic may God Bless you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William Coleman

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-04-08

From: Nynita Carter
231 Bradford St. Apt # 1
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Basically, because I cant afford it anywhere else. I had a knot on my hand that was huge, it hurt and it was getting bigger. I couldnt afford the surgery anywhere else but when I went for my hand I found out I had acid reflux real bad or it could have been worst. ~~the~~ Health Rite gave me the medicine free and Im very grateful because my chest stopped hurting and my allergies are better too because I was given pills free for that. Its very convinent, I think.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Nynita A. Carter

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Rebecca Cornwell
1536 Red Oak St
Charles. WVa 25312

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Can Not Buy my Meds - I Need Healthkize.
They have helped me Keep in Meds
With out Them I would Not Be able to Buy
all The Meds I Take. Please do not
Close Them. Medicine Cost a lot
of Money I do not have.
Please do not Close Them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Cornwell

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 18, 2008

From: Yvonne Carter
1503½ Washington St W.
Chas., WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medication in order to Work + Live. I'm not able to Be ~~Afford~~ my medication. This would mean I would have to make a choice between becoming homeless + NOT able to buy food or clothing but mainly my health would probably be in great danger.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Yvonne C. Carter

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 10, 2008

From: Lola L. Casdorph
760 Bays Drive
Charleston, WV 25306

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia several years ago. Had it not been for West Virginia Health Rite I would be suffering to this day. Health Rite has made it affordable for me to have good health care and medication. If you (whomever you maybe) take this away from many West Virginians you may as well be digging some peoples graves! For your information Health Rite has no narcotic drug on premisses so why bother? Leave well enough alone please. This place is all we have.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lola L. Casdorph

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Misty Cook
810 Donnally St
Charleston W.V.

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Medication is to expensive for people to have to pay for. It is A great thing that you guys have this progeam

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Misty Cook

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

8/26/08

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Carolyn Tincher
2023 S. Kanawha St
Beckley WV 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

If I didn't get my medicine from free clinic I couldn't buy it, Therefore I would have to do without. I use blood pressure medicine and it keeps my pressure under control. Heart trouble runs in my family and stroke so this is an issue for me to. The free clinic is the best thing I've ever come in contact with and really appreciate all they have really done for me. Please don't stop them from being able to distribute medicine to the patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Tincher

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Date: 8/04/08

RECEIVED
AUG 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Ronnie Ranson

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have high blood pressure and other medical problems. The free clinic provides medicine that I can't afford. I work a full time job, but with the price of gas and food there is not enough money.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Ranson

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Date: 8-4-08

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Shirley Harvey
448 Stonewall Rd.
Beckley, WV 25801

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a working parent with 4 children still at home. My previous employer closed and I am now self-employed with no insurance. The company my husband works for does not provide insurance. I could not afford the 7 different medications that I am currently taking if this clinic could not provide them. We would have a hard time without this support. Change this ruling.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley Harvey

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-08

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From: TERRY ARA

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the MEDICATIONS, IF I had to pay for them AT REG PRICE I wouldn't be able to pay, I would ~~petition~~ be like other people have to make choices, probably end up in very poor health. I have a Mother to support IF SOMETHING HAPPENS to ME she could not SURVIVE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry L Ara

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Linda B Lewis
P.O. Box 489
Coal City WV 25823

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not afford to pay a lot of money for my medicine. I am on a limited income. Even if I just had $1.00 Because of the help I get here it means a lot. With gas prices and food prices going up, it makes it hard to get your medicine. Please reconsider this Bill. You are going to be hurting a lot of people.

Linda B Lewis

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda B Lewis

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Rose M. Hoke

P.O. Box 4113 Huntington WV

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I ~~can't~~ cannot get medicine Here I cannot afford it. These pills are great. I hope I continue to get Here pills I needs. Maple.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rose M Hoke

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Date: 8/5/08

From: Etta Kessler
185 Union Hall Rd
Beckley WV 25801

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I can't get my medication from here there is no way I can pay for it. I need my blood pressure meds. I am a single Parent who works 5 days a week and I can't pay bills and afford to pay for my meds. The consequences of not having my medicine is to have a stroke. Who will provide care then?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Etta Kessler

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8/5/08

From: Sharon Arreguin
104 Junction Street
Beckley, WV 25801

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We are on the program where our drugs are provided by Beckley Health Right. Without these drugs (which cost more than we can afford) my husband who has to take blood pressure medicine and others will not be on medicine anymore. This will increase the times he will be at the hospital and incur more cost. Several people benefit from this service. You need to allow it to continue.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Arreguin

I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Pamela Burnette
P.O. Box 515
Midway, WV 25878

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2008
WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free Clinic, Because due to my income + the cost of living being so high, I couldn't afford to buy them. I depend on my Clinic. Without them I couldn't make it + don't know what I would do, " Other then get sicken, without my medications." So please don't pass this law! We need this help. Thanks. Pamela

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Burnette

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 5-4-15

RECEIVED
AUG 20 2015
WV Board of Pharmacy

From: Pamela Thomas

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if I don't get my medications I will become very ill and I hate to say this probably die without it and that's the honest God's truth. So please whatever you do, please don't stop giving us our medecines because we really need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Thomas

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Brenda Dickens
P.O. Box 143
Glen White. WV
25849

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WV Board of Pharmacy

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this clinic for my family because they don't make alot of money. The clinic lets them see the doctor and get pills

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Dickens

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Rebecca S Brown
P.O. Box 878
Beaver WV 25813

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I take heart pills & high blood presure medicine. If the clinic does not provide these medicine. There is no way I will be able to afford them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca S Brown

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Date: 8/5/08

From: Rose Chamberlain
419 Skyline Dr
Beaver WV 25813

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not take a lot of medicines personally, but the medications that I do take, some are quite expensive. This is a very needed service in the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Rose Chamberlain

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From: Brona Jean Dalton
457 Rebecca Lane
Beaver, WV 25813
304-890-2334

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I need this clinic, I have no job, no insurance, no husband for his ins. and no way could afford the cost of medication or office visit cost. I knew if I had a family to support it would mean my children may have to be sick for longer because couldn't afford to take them. The economy is stealing and much more to happen if life doesn't change. So many people will be affected by this. Please try 2 months living on any hourly person's salary in these days & times & have 3 children, wife (husband) ~~or~~ only 1 income and having min. wage and the babies are sick. How would you be effected by this? Walk in one of these peoples shoes 1 day.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brona Jean Dalton

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Date: 8/12/08

From: William M. Cook
110 Lindy St.
Beckley, WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am not currently working, and I need my medications. (can't afford them). When I am working I don't make enough money to afford my medications. It'd would cost me about $500.00 a month about two pay check's!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William M Cook

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Date: 8/12/08

From: Carol Cook
P.O. Box 10
Breton WV 24818

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

When people can not get a job that pays enough to pay electric bills, rent, heat, what are you to do about medicine? People need help from some where.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Cook

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Date: 8-12-08

From: Amber Coy
PO Box 1152
Beaver WV 25813.

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I need medication from the clinic because I have no medical insurance to be able to pay high dollar for. This clinic does a wonderful service to those who need help. Its hard to get medication when you dont have insurance to pay for it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Amber Coy

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Date: 8-12-08

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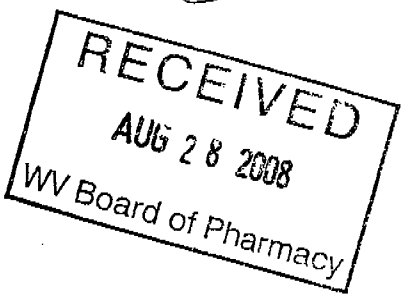
From: Junior Claypool
P.O. Box 476
Shady Spring W.V. 25918
Phone: 763-5094



To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

Please don't close the free clinic. My wife is very sick and in desparte need of help we are very low income and can't afford her medication or doctor visits. I can't imagine what we would do without the help we get from this place I pray to God that you all can see it in your hearts to keep the clinic open

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Junior R. Claypool

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Date: 8/12/08

From: Steve Cfield
1574 Grandview Road
Beaver, W.V. 25813

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have no insurance because I only work part time. I have a sliped disc in my lower verlabre. The medication I receive here is for mental illness. I would not be able to afford it otherwise. Off of my medication, I would probably end up in the hospital. My work would cease, no insurance, so the hospital/state would foot the bill because I would not be able to pay. So basically inpatient hospital care would cost way more than the free clinic. Because I would be in the psych ward. And not a productive member of society. And this would be YOUR Fault.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Cfield

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Date: 8-4-08

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From: William Mars
Rt. 2 Box 944
Scarbro W. Va. 25917

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my free clinic because I cannot afford to go to a private doctor or pay for X-rays and so on. I cannot afford the medication that I need to be on.

There are a lot of people who depend on this clinic. I would not be able to live a regular life without my medication. I would be sick and unable to function

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
William Mars

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Date: August 11, 2008

From: Michael Quesenberry

P O Box 61

White Oak, WV 25989

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

In 2006 I had infection in my foot due to diabetes and poor circulation a portion of my foot was removed. With nerve damage in my legs, arms, and eyes, I have not been able to work for about 21 months. With no income coming in, I have no way of paying for my medication.

Please consider me and other people that may need help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Quesenberry

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Date: 8/4/08

From: Lori Watson
1288 Lower Sandlick Rd
Beckley WV 25801

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine because, if my free clinic did not provide this service, I would probably be dead. I have a number of illness that were not being controlled. My free clinic with the help of it medication dept has gotten me on the road to better health. My health is an uphill battle but because of the medication; I at least have a battle to fight. Please do not take the ability of my clinic to dispense drugs away from us. The people need it. I need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Lori Watson

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Olivia Radford
P.O. Box 5064
Beckley, WVA. 25801

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if it wasn't for them what would i do moneywise for doctor visits and medications. I think Beckley Health rite saves lives. When you go anywhere else money, money, money. When or if this was gone what would poor people do. Or do you care.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Olivia R. Radford

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Date: 8-5-08

From: Ada Burnette
650 Bragg Rd
Shady Springs, WV 25918

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have insurance, And also have COPD which requires me to have monthly meds that are very expensive. Also my depression meds can't not be be gotten with out health right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ada Burnette

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Date: 8-5-08

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From: Anthony Radford

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Yes if it was not for Beckley Health Rite I would not get my meds. and i have Blood clots and other problems and NO money. If you shut them down what will poor people do? or do you care? looks like NOT It would be a mistake

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony Radford

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Date: 8/5/08

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From: HOWARD BRYANT
1288 SULLIVAN RD
BEAVER, WV 25813

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm not employed at this time and this is the only way I can get my meds, if I had to pay for them at a pharmacy it would cost me over $300.00 a month. The clinics that provide the meds at little or no cost does one hell of a job for the people in the Beckley, WV area.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Howard Bryant

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Date: 3-5-08

From: Priscilla O'Dell
for my son
Anthony Radford

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am filling this out because my son uses this facility. Without Health Right he would not be able to see a doctor or pay for his medicines. He has a lot of health issues but has been turned down for Social Security and relies on this place for his care.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Priscilla O'Dell

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Date: 8-5-07

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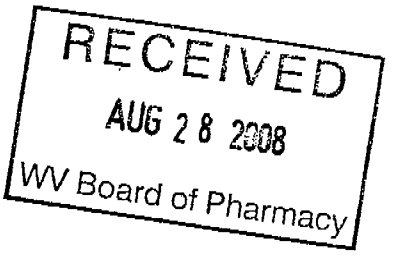
From: Rocky Bowman



Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have insurance- this is the only clinic that will help me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rocky Bowman

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Date: 8-12-08

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From: Edith Claypool
P.O. Box 476
Shady Spring W.V.

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I have high blood Pressure diabetes and other health problems and I need help for my medications because I have no health insurance and very little income. Please do not close the clinic down, I don't know what I would do without Beckley Health Right!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edith Claypool

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From: John V. Lewis, Sr
165 S. Fork Road
Meadow Bridge, W. Va 25976

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

My wife needs this clinic + medicine because I am disabled and can not work. Because of this it is hard on us because of no insurance and very little money after bills + living expences. I have the VA to help me but the wife has nothing and it is hard to see her suffer because I can not afford her medicine or Dr's Bills.

I really thank god for this clinic and their help to my wife. Please don't take this away and let her suffer. These people are a god sent and we thank each and everyone of them. Thanks + God Bless you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John V. Lewis, Sr

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Date: 8-11-08

From: Renee Borders
113 Missouri Ave.
Beckley - W.VA. 25801

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The People AT This Clinic CARE ABOUT People's HEALTH & WELL Being. They ALSO Respect YOUR Privacy. See, THAT's WHAT wrong With some OF these HEALTH FACILITIES - They DONT CARE if you DIE or Live. I Dont Know WHAT I COULD HAVE DONE, WITHOUT my MEDICEN - AND They CALL This WONDERFUL W.VA.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Renee Borders

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Date: 8/12/08

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From: Norman Sizemore
P.O Bx 130
Raleigh, WV. 25911

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Medications help me deal with the daily aches and pains and the stress of daily living. If I didn't get them here I would not be able to get them. It helps me more than I can put in words.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Norman Sizemore

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Date: 8/12/08

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From: Judith Bailey
420 Hunt Ave
Beckley WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

If it wasn't for the free clinic I could not afford medicines or Xams. I have no insurance and very low income. Beckley Health Right is my lifesaver. Help us to keep our health care here.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Bailey

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Date: 8/16/08

From: CHARLES JONES
120 Missouri Ave
Beckley, WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am writing this little Note to who it may concern. I think that this Clinic is the best thing that has happen in Beckley or Surrounding Areas, for thoes of us that don't have Insurance or a Medical Card for treatment. I have been a patient here at Beckley HealthRight and has not been disapointed with the Service that they provide. If the law maker would ~~not~~ stop this clinic from providing Med. that would be a big mistake because I am a Diabete and I dont have a Job, so I depend on this Clinic to provide me with treatment and for my Medication and there has been No problem in the past with this Clinic, so to stop the Medication will not only hurt me, but the

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Jones

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Date: 8-12-08

From: William Meador
P.O Box 164
Daniels WVa. 25832

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

If I can't Get My Medicine From The Free Clinic I would Be In Bad Shape. The Medicine They Perscibe To me Helps To keep Me Healthy And without My medicine My Blood Pressure would Be High Then I Would Be In The Hospital And Then My Bills Would Be To High To Pay Then I would Have more PRoblems.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
William Meador

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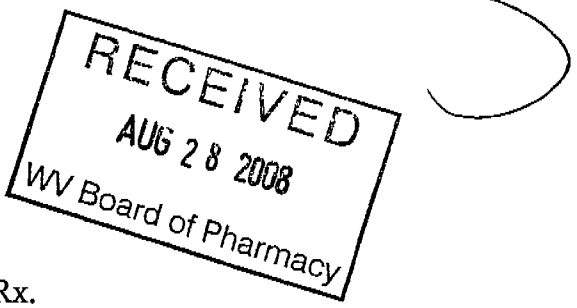
Date:_____

From: Augustia Meador

Po. Box 164

Danical WV 25832

August 12-2008



To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I Can't by my Med. at all.
If I Can't Get my med at a free clinic
I Wood not be her on this Earth.
I have hi B/P and outher ~~Pades~~ problems

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Augustia Jane Meador

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From: Jeremy Downard
Hc 80 Box 52 A
Hinton, WV 25951

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I cannot afford Insurance or pay for medicine due to high prices for both. If I was not able to get my medicine, my medical conditions would worsen to the point of serious Illness and eventually death as I couldn't afford to see a doctor or be hospitiglized.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Downard

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Date: 8/12/08

From: Kimberly Dawnard
HC80 Bx 52-A
Hinton, WV 25951

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I need my medicine because I have no insurance and would not be able to afford it anyother way. And I can not afford insurance. And if I can not get my medicine, then my body would shut down and I would die.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Dawnard

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of a very vast number of people who rely on the Beckley Health Right as a medical provider plus a prescription provider. I am really hoping that you do not close this facility down. I have no medical insurance and do not receive enough money to apply for any. I am on a fixed income which is my alimony payment.

I have rheumatoid Arthritis, high blood pressure, have many things that are affecting my back-including the arthritis-and I have had skin cancer. Regardless to say, I have to take many expensive medicines. Without Beckley Health Right supplying these medicines, I cannot get them.

We, the poor people of America, do not have much of a chance, especially when we are unable to work. I cannot stand long because of my back and knees. My hands will not let me do much because I have no strength in them anymore. I would like to be able to work but I am just not able.

I am fifty-eight years old and really need the help that Beckley Health Right provides. They have a wonderful staff and treat you with respect.

Once again I say, please do not close this facility down.

Sincerely

Bonnie J. Altizer

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Beckley Health Right Inc.

"Because We Care"

253-3577

111 Randolph St.
PO Box 2222
Beckley, WV 25801

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What does this clinic mean to you, and what would you do without this facility?
How has this clinic changed your life?

This clinic is very important to me. It is the only means of health care I have. I would not be able to have any medical treatment with out it. I also could not be able the get the meds I need for life (quility life.)

With out this clinic I would not be able to get my synthroid or other medicines.

This clinic provides me with my health care I would other wise not have. Please Dont Close it. I could not sirvie.

By signing you give permission to publish your comments.

Patient Signature: Connie Cleon

Date: Aug 8, 2008

From: Charles Vannatter
102 Sixth St.
Beckley, WV 25801

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The reason the free clinic is so important to me is because I ~~have~~ am primary care giver for my mother. She is currently receiving treatments for cancer. The clinic provides me medicine and check ups, that without these together I would be very sick. A history of CVA, hypertension, and multiple related health issues keeps my dependency on this clinic, pharmacy, and the ladies at a very high level. Without any of the above would be devistating to my health.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Date: Aug 7-2008

From: Amy Dixon
HC 70 Box 680-A
White Sulphur Spgs WV 24986,

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am a Single working mother with very low income and unable to get help from the State. I was born with Seizure disorder, have high blood pressure etc and need daily medication. I have no insurance. Without the help of this Great facility I don't know how I would live. Please help all of us who need this clinic. What would you do in our shoes? Would you want it taken away from you?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Amy Dixon

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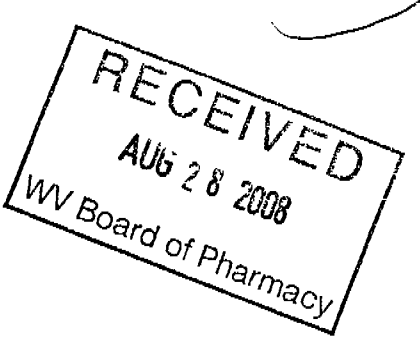
Date: 8-7-08

From: Barbara E Shrewsbury
P.O. Box 6
Corinne, W.V. 25826



To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

This clinic provides me with the medicines I must have in order to stay alive & functioning. The quality of my life has greatly improved since I started receiving the medicines I need. Without this clinic, I would not be able to pay for these medicines and I would not be able to care for my family and my disabled Dad. Please do not do this to us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara E Shrewsbury

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Date: 8/7/08

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From: Donald
Blevins
Beckley

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I Am Totally disabled I have no insurance. Beckley Health Rite is the only way I have to get the meds for my disability. Mrs Winters is the only doctor I see for my illnesses

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Blevins

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Date: 8-6-08

From: James A. Walker

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because without the free clinic I wouldn't be able to afford my High Blood pressure medicine of a MD.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Walker

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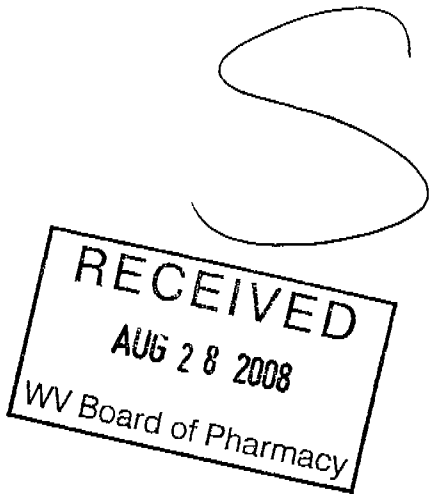
Date: 8/16/08

From: April Athey
PO Box 148
Fairdale WV 25839



To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from the clinic because I have no insurance and can not afford it any other way

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
April D. Athey

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Date: 8.8.08

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From: Christel Fulk
PO Box 61
Eccles WV 25836

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I need quite a few medications for blood pressure & pain, and I am the only one in my family working I am paying my own bills, I don't receive help from HUD or Welfare to pay my bills. I need them to be able to get my meds, it isn't right to take this away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christel Fulk

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Date: 8/18/08

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From: John Fulk
PO Box 61
Eccles WV 25836

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I am on med. for blood pressure, cholestrol triglycides and I am unable to work. I hurt myself 2 yrs ago from working Construction all my life I need this place for my meds. It isn't the pharmacist that "knows" what meds you need, it is the doctor as what is the problem. If we are not complaining, leave well enough alone.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Fulk

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Date: 8/18/08

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From: Angie Smith

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I appreciate this clinic & all it does. People who can't afford to go to the doctor or pay for medicine have somewhere they can rely on. You have peace of mind knowing this place is here. Without the clinic alot of people would have to do without.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Angie Smith

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Date: 8/13/08

From: ROBERT ENGLAND
PO BOX 3086
BECKLEY WV 25801

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic/WVRx.

I CANNOT AFFORD MY MEDICATIONS. I HAVE NO OTHER WAY OF GETTING THEM! IF I CANNOT GET THEM THROUGH HEALTH-RITE, THEN WHERE? IT WOULD MEAN I COULD NOT TAKE THEM AND SUFFER THE RESULTS. OK TO PUBLISH

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert England

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Karen Akers
126 1/2 E Main St Apt 1
Beckley, WV 25801

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have insurance of any kind. I work everyday, but if it was not for this clinic I could not afford to get my med that I need so bad or I could not see a doctor. The DHHR does not want to help people that work and I am so glad we have this. Does it need a pharmacist I think not, Because the people here are doing a great job.

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Akers

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Without this clinic alot of working People will not be able to afford their med. Please do not close them down. This is a great service and I think they do a great job helping people in need.

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Date: 8/4/08

From: Kim Blankenship
PO Box 488
Bolt, WV 25817

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Having worked in a clinic full time for 9 years - I worked closely with patients on a daily basis. So many people depend on these medications to live it would be an extreme tragedy for this bill to be passed into law. Free clinics "&" indigent drug programs are some people's ONLY means to get their medications. Without them some patients could die. - Is the U.S. Senate prepared to have that kind of weight on their shoulders? I have known of

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Blankenship

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people actually having to choose between buying food or buying medications. Somehow I doubt this is a decision that any Senate member has ever had to make. This effects thousands upon thousands of people every day. Please do NOT pass this Senate Bill 722 - it could mean people's lives are at stake. If passed they may not survive. Free Clinics should be commended more for what they do and not have to face this kind of tragedy.

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Becky Martin
126 1/2 East main St Apt 1
Beckley WV 25801

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have seizures and no medical coverage. My job does not give it and I cannot receive a medical card because I have no children. The DHHR told me the only way to get a medical card is to have children. So I need this clinic to help me with my medicine because I cannot afford it unless I have this clinic. I think

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Becky Martin

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this could also affect some of the older people because they may not be able to receive some of the medical help they need. If you were to shut down this clinic it could put some serious health risks in danger. People who have diabetes may no longer receive medicine, or people like me may no longer be able to afford their seizure medicine and they could have a seizure resulting death. I think this place should remain open and stay the way it is.

Date: 8-14-08

From: Sue Staats
150 Grayrock Rd
Charlestown WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I wouldn't know what to do, if I didn't get my medicine from E.P.F.C because I have no insurance or medicade I just got layed off my Job, and things are really getting bad right now, So please Keep the Clinic the way it is, you will be helping alot of people, who need it Thank you,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Staats

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Date: 8/14/08

From: Sheryl Decker
1305 Payne Ave
Dunbar WV 25064

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single parent with two teenagers who only works Part time. I am a student at Marshall trying to get "of the system". By providing medicine Healthrite is helping me continue going to college to better provide for my children.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Decker

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Deatra Dawson
1300 Renaissance #904
Chas WV 25301

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because of the cost of all medicines today this place is a blessing for everyone including myself

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deatra Dawson

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Date: Aug. 7, 2008

From: Judy Davis
P.O. Box 315
Poca, WV 25159

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Actually my daughter is the one who uses the free clinic and I am here with her. I have always worked and have had health insurance but my daughter has not been that fortunate. If not for the free clinic she would have no access to health care or medications. She has a job now and makes barely above minimum wage therefore cannot afford health ins. I am her transportation - gasoline $4.00 per gal. - food costs rising every day. Please don't take this last vestige of care and compassion from those who need it most.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy A. Davis

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 4 2008

From: SUSAN DUST
840 Somerset Dr
Charleston WV 25302

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am newly widowed at age 55
My husband's illness depleated all of our assests, leaving me $12.00 in my pocket when he died.
Even though I have a heart condition, gall bladder problems & fibromyalgia I work two jobs to barely support myself.
The medicine I receive from Health Right costs over 300.00 a month from a pharmacy. I cannot afford it with out Health Rights help. I cannot work without the medicines, my health is horrible without them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Susan Kay Dust

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Date: 8/18/08

From: Teresa Damron
P.O. Box 173
Cabin Creek, WV 25035

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no health coverage, can't get assistance, I am a single mom with 2 girls no child support & have multiple health problems. I need this program.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Teresa A Damron

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Date: 8/18/08

From: Barbara J. DAVIS
1730 Kemp AVE
Charleston WV 25312

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Whit out HealthRight, I couldnt afford my meds, Health JUST is too high

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara J Davis

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Date: 8-14-08

From: Bonita Mesper
604 Randolph St.
Chas., WV 25302

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I ~~Re~~ need meds from my free clinic to control my hypertension. Without my medication I have no other way to control this problem. Please don't take this or other free services from me. A lot of individuals such as myself would not be able to sustain a normal life expectancy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Bonita Mesper

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Date: 8-4-08

From: John Ford
1506 Virginia, Ft#106
Chas WV 25311

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have High Blood Pressure.
My medicine is over 500.00
I can't afford it at my Salary,
My rent is 400.00 a month
If I can't get my high Blood
pressure medicine I will die!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Ford

Chas. WV, 25311

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Hazel M. Layne
P.O. Box 387 ~~Charleston, WV~~
Clendenin, WV 25045

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine for my depression and allergies. I suffer alot with my allergies and do what I can on my part to help myself. For my depression, I truly don't know what I would do, because the medicine I take helps me drive to my job without having a panic attack and the medicine helps me with my job and everyday living. Most of the lawmakers do not have to be concerned about your medications or health insurance, but the poor doesn't seem to matter to some people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Hazel M Layne

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Date: AUGUST 6 2008

From: COOKIE BARTON
35 MICHAEL ST
SCOTT DEPOT WV 25560-9534

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

AS myself I don't need help I have insurance, but I have friends that are very close to me. THAT COULD NOT AFFORD THEIR MEDICATIONS WITHOUT help from clinic. What are they suppose to DO.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cookie Barton

X I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-26-08

From: Martha Auber
P.O. Box 822
Cabin Creek WV. 25035

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was a patient at Health Right for a longtime. We have people that totally depend on Health Right for all of their medical needs. They have to choose between food or medicine. if it wasn't for Health Right and that is the long and short of it. If you are really for the people of this state then please do the right thing for the people of this State.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Martha Auber

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/4/08

From: Carmella Anderson
1424 Washington E Apt B
Chas WV. 25301

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Carmella Anderson Carmella Anderson 1424 Washington St E
I would be unable to get my meal
from any other place except W.V.H.R., because
a lot of times I can't pay and this
is the only place in Charleston
that I can go to!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Edith Adkins
P.O. Box 132
Alma, W.V. 25501

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because one thing I don't have Medical insurance I don't know what I would do without my Medication if I didn't get it at the Clinic. I have no other way of paying for it. That is something I have to have is my Medication. I am a diabitas and also have heart Problems.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edith Adkins

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 14, 2008

From: Christina Abbott
4420 MacCorkle Ave SE apt 808
Chas, WV 25304

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I were not able to get my meds free I would have to go without. I currently cannot afford to pay full price. The only way I could was if they were to come out w/ the generic form of my medication. I think it is a shame that it has come down to where people are having to go without meds that could save a life

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christina Abbott ☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Emma Allen
P.O. Box 61
Falling Rock, WV 25079

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it wasn't for HealthRight me and husband couldn't afford to go anywhere else. I really appreate it Thank you HealthRight My God Bless in everyway

Please let them keep doing what they're doins & helping people I Thank God for them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Emma Allen

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-4-08

From: Carol Alrefaei
407 Eleventh St.
Dunbar, WV 25064

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I was to have to pay for my medicines they would cost me over $300.00 per month. There would be no way I could afford them. Then I would be in so much pain, I would not be able to work.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Alrefaei

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Date: 8/14/08

From: Charles Allen
P.O. Box 984
Clendenin WV 25045

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I had to leave work because of my health and even when I was at my former job I did not earn enough to pay for my Meds. Or my wifes. If not for the Clinics care I would have died of a Heart Attack because of high Blood pressure & stress. Also I would never have known I was diabetic. They litterally saved my life. I get six different Medicens and Blood work every 3 months

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Allen

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9/14/08

From: Beverly J. Allen
P.O. Box 984
Clendenin, WV
25045

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because without it I could not afford to get my medicines or Doctors Care. They are the only Health care I receive. I am diabetic plus a host of other Ailments. I take 14 different Medicines, plus they totally paid for my hospital Stay and all My Mamograms and Checkups and all lab and dental Care and Eye Care

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Allen

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Date: 8/18/08

From: Donna Bostaph
265 Center St
PO Box 332 Pocatalico
25159

To whom it concerns:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I went to the Emer Room to find out I have Blood Clots in my leg. I had to sign up for a med card to cover my hospital Bills. But once I got out and had to go back to work I wasn't making enough money to cover my med and Health Rite help me out a lot.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Bostaph

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Date: 8.6.08

From: Greg & Daphne Adams
223 TWP Rd 1186 A20
South Point, OH 45638

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Me and My Wife Need this free clinic Because We do not have Medical insurance and Cannot afford our Medications. Without EBenezer Medical Outreach my Wife could not get her Insulin that She Needs to live along with the other Meds She Requires now or in the future. EMO is godsend to us along with the Surrounding Community not only in WV But OH and Ky as Well I Ask you to Keep EMO open and available to those who need them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Bruce Bennett
RR2 Box 1586
Wayne, WV. 25570

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from my free clinic because I cannot afford what they would cost without the clinic. I do not have any medical insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bennett

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 26 August 2018

From: James C. Du Bois

6575 Coxcanding Conc Cor. 7

Cosage, WV 25537

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I'm unable to work & All we Have To Live on is my wife's Social Security & what Little bit she makes & with All my ~~health~~ health problems & it is hard for me to get Medical Insurance, and Even harder to get disability because of my Age. So This Clinic provide A VALuable Asset to the Community And An even More VALuable ~~Valuable~~ Asset to those who fall In between the CRACKS. So Please Keep this Available, because there ARE MANY people that Really do need it

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Du Bois

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08-06-05

From: Nancy C Webb
4202 Co Rd 402 Proctorville Oh
45669

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without my medicines, the cost would overflow due to low income that I receive / Meds would cost over $300 mo. I could not afford Maxzaltt Cozaar Celebra plus many more, If it was not for Ebernezer paying for my meds, My Blood Pressure, migraines, ferral would rise and I could not work. I sincerely believe in the free clinics for they help some survive from depression and arthritis. We need the free clinics to stay open to provide people like me to receive free meds. Low income patients could live a healthy life without our clinics. Thank You, Nancy C Webb

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 5- 08

From: Elizabeth A. Caldwell
Route 1 Box 199
Lesage, W. Va. 25537

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I Can't Not Afford
to pay high price for Med.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Caldwell ☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 5/03

From: Ronald Hall Item
617 W Rd 1199
Chesapeake Oh 45619

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

~~On~~ If I dont Get My Meds
From Here I dont Get Meds.
Phonny Tecs do all The Work
Anyway

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[X] I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-2008

From: Janice Lucas
P.O. Box 70
West Hamlin, W.V.
25571

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The only income we have is my husband's retirement. By the time we pay bills we have very little money left. Price of our medications are to costly to afford. We are poor people with very little recourse. We need EMO and all the facilities. Please, Please keep the pharmacy open for us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janice Lucas

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/5/08

From: Mary Adams
519 Rockwood Ave.
Chesapeake, OH 45619

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The reason I need my med's from my Clinic, is if it wasn't for this Clinic I may not be here today, It has given myself as well as others the med's we need to survive. I am depressive and couldnot afford my medications any other way for I have no insurance and my medications I take would take most if not all of my income in order to survive. why would it be worth living if I couldnt afford to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Adams

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Date: Aug. 5, 2008

From: Teresa Carson
4910 Spring Lord
Winston-Salem, N.C.
27105-3216

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My medicine keeps my blood pressure at a normal level, when I first began my blood pressure med's it was at stroke level. It also helps with arthritis pain, depression and to get restful nights which helps me keep employment. I have depended upon this free clinic for several years. Do not know what I would do with out it. Maybe stress or quit my job because I have to buy my med's. Stand up put gas in the car!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa Carson

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-08

From: Lisa Watts
5056 Rt 152
Lavalette WV 25535

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have had health issues from time to time. If it were not for Ebenezer clinic I would not be able to afford my medication or Dr care. I feel programs like these need to be supported by our government. The government needs to care more about health care issues. If you take away our medicine and health care. It may cause more people to seek disability. Which is going to cost the government more in the long term.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Watts

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 5th 2008

From: Lena M. Baker
185 Vanmatter Cr. Rd.
Ranger, WV
25557

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I come to this free clinic to get my medication because I can afford it. I have no insurance no Medical coverage what so ever and without this pharmacy I couldn't get medication I need. My Husband and I live on a fixed income and even though he gets Medicade for his prescriptions, he still has a co pay to pay for his medication and some months it is tough to get medication for us. I thank the Lord for Ebenezer and their Pharmacy for making it easy to get my medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lena M Baker

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Joy L. Roy
502 N. High St
Hamlin, WV. 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it wasn't for the clinics I personally would not be able to afford all the medicine I get from here. They are helping alot of people with there medicine who would not be able to go other places & get it. Some have children to take care of & with out them help the children would or could be left without there parents with out this help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joy L. Roy

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-7-03

From: Brenda Branscom
1623 Raccoon Creek Rd
Branchland WV 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine don't have insurance they have helped me a lot at the Free Clinic here. I am thankfull for what they have done for me. And for the medicine they gave me was a life saver. And could you give medicine to other patents too.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Branscom
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-7-09

From: Darrell Brimeyer
1023 Raccoon Creek Rd
Beechland, WV 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am thankful for the Free Clinic for what they have done for my wife Brenda Brimeyer. And for the medicine at the Free Clinic, and the medicine they gave my wife was a life saver. Could you give medicine to patients

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Darrell Brimeyer

Date: 5-7-05

From: Kimberly Thrasher
278 Tupelo Rd. 20 1031
South Point, Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a middle class worker + have no insurance & the only one working in household. I have high blood pressure + high cholesterol that I have to have it. They are doing really well providing for me I have no complications for their work. I would have to do without my Medicine + may ending in the hospital for a stroke & heart attack.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Thrasher

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/0-/08

From: Peggy Akers
Box 187
Prichard WiVa 25555

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance to pay for my medicine, I will have to do without, because I can not afford. This is a really good program, it helps people who can not get thier medicine any other way.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Peggy Akers

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Candice White

6270-B Little Tmile Rd.

Huntington, WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have had headaches for 18 years most everyday. The doctors finally found a drug (Zyprexa) that works. Without insurance I cannot afford this medicine.

This free clinic has been a blessing from God. Without their help I would be in pain everyday.

You must consider all they do to help people. Please do not do away with the free clinics. The medicine they provide can make people like me have a good life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Candice White

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 3-7-08

From: Delores L. Donahoe
137 Sycamore St.
Huntington, WV 25705
304-544-4642

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it were not for Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc. I would not have my meds needed to keep me alive. The Pharmacys have raised the price of medicine till people can not afford to buy them at the Pharmacys prices. It is all about money.

These people are wonderful and care about the Clients who come to this Clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Delores L. Donahoe
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Melissa Santi
923 8th St
Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been receiving my medicine at E.M.O. for the last 5 years. Without their help I would not be able to get my medicine that I need every month. If E.M.O. were to close, I don't know how I would get my medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Santi

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: Brenda Johnson
861 Holiday Park
Salt Rock WV 25559

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the prescription program, I would die, I can not afford my prescriptions without this service. I have been able to monitor my diabetes on a continous basis, without this program it may be weeks & even months before I could afford strips, insulin & other meds needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Brenda Johnson
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/7/08

From: Eva Kazee

1601 Chestnut St. Apt. 4

Kenova, WV 25530

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it were not for the free clinic at Ebenezer there is no way I would be getting the medicines I need. I could not afford them, therefore I simply would just do without, which would be very detrimental to my health.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Eva Kazee

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/7/08

From: Mary Stanley
6101 Veterans Blvd.
Hgtn, W.Va

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I receive Social Security. There is no way that I could pay for all the medicine that I have to take. I had to go without it for two years before I got to come here and get it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Stanley

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 7 2023

From: Nancy A. Woodall
234 Marshall St
Huntington WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on a low income I take care of my son who has neurofibromatosis, seizures, I could not ~~g~~ afford to pay $60 70 or up for my medicine. This clinic is wonderful Ebenezer Clinic has been helping me out for about 5 years now. I would have to stop taking my medicine if I have to pay high price for them

Thank you Ebenezer Clinic for all the help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Woodall

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 6, 2008

From: Judy Atkins
6158 Little 7 Mile Rd.
Huntington WVa. 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Social Security Disability is all the income my husband and I have. I am unable to work because of a nervous condition. Ebonezer medical outreach clinic has been a God send for me. I don't know what I would do without them. I have never got a wrong prescription from them or had them to make any mistakes. They have been very professional, and I have been very pleased with my visits here. Again they have been a blessing from God.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Atkins

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/08/08

From: Jeannie Sweeney
3587 Pine Ridge Dr. Lot 37
Huntington WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

With me working and taking care of my 3 children and mother and trying to pay all bills at home on my own, Where I work has no insurance for me. This place has been one less burden to me that I have to deal with. If im sick or need anything I know I can come here and get help. So please think about those who need assistance and help and dont give this place up. I need as much help as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Sweeney

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 05-6-08

From: Jimmy D. Cyrus
4820 Spring Rd.
Huntington, WV 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without my "free Clinic" I would not be alive today. They supply me with meds that are taken daily and I could not afford them any other place. The cost of additional Pharmacists is prohibitive, so as my free clinic would have to shut down.

I need Ebenezer Medical Outreach and its' Pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jimmy D. Cyrus

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/6/08

From: Brenda Carman

2025 ENSLOW BLVD

HUNTINGTON WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband had a heart attack and ran out of leave and was terminated from his job. I lost my job that I had worked at several years. Then I became ill and couldn't eat. I lost 40 lbs in a couple of months. I would not have been able to receive medical care if not for Ebenezer Medical Outreach. It truely has been a God-send. Please do not take this away from those who need it most. May God Bless you and may you make a wise decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Carman

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-15

From: Carolyn Wood
1808 Underwood Ave
Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not afford ~~and~~ to pay the full Price.
My medicine would be about $600 a month.
I don't even make that in a month.
The "start person" that thought about this
and decided to STOP HELPING
the poor people.
"What if you lost your job and couldn't get
unemployment? What do you do for
medicine with no money?"

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Wood
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 1/6/18

From: Ian E Keaton
P.O. Box 941
Huntington WV

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

without this clinic I would not be able to afford the cost of my medical care, this is my only alternative, please help us and make this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ian E Keaton

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Doris Watts
867 County Rd 104
Chesapeake, Ohio. 45619

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because with they was not for clinic. I would not have my Medices that I need. So Please Don't take this clinic away from the People that Ebenezer clinic, We need them,

Thank You

Doris Watts

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Doris Watts

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-05

From: Pamela Smith
Rt 2 Box 453
Branchland, WV 25506

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I'am on a low-income I have no Medical Card Because I work part-time Have no Insurance To pay for the Medications that I Need I'am a ~~Dad~~ Diabetic, High Blood presure, now I'am In the 3rd stages of Kidney Diease so without the Medications I'am on & I Cannot pay out of packet for Them So I'am ikey Glad To Have the Help from Ebenzer Clinic for The the doctors + the pharmacy that I Rely on ikey much because with Them I don't know where or How I would do this paying out of ~~the~~ packet Money I don't Have.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Pamela Smith

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Mary Pinson
Rt 1 Box 1165
Wayne

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The Free Clinics help me With my Meds. And I can't not get them With out the free clinic. I would be forced to stop my Med.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Pinson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Connie Blake
1404 Hall St
Hunt WV. 25705
You may Contact me if you wish
To Whom It May Concern: (304) 412-7483

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If they would Close the Clinic down me and other people Can't afford or have no medical insurance we would Suffer or would die from not having no medicine. or have strokes or heart attacks or go into comas. and so on You don't Know how much this means to me & other people. We would appreciate keep the Clinic open

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Connie Blake
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-5-08

From: Mary Mannon
28 TWP RD 1294
Proctorville, Oh. 45669

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without this program I could not get my medicane which helps me with, my blood pressure & other medical needs. I have no job or insurance to go any where eles. I cant afford to go to any other pharmacy because they cost tomuch. So what ever you do please dont take away what helps us poor people

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Mannon

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8 - - -05

From: Mary E Ferguson
1328 -25 st
Huntington Wv 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would not be able to buy medicine My income is very low

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary E Ferguson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 4-11-2025

From: Alice Bruce

P.O. Box 7774

Huntington, WV 25778

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because it Free Cinic
I get From somewhere Else it
will me more money, That why
I need medicine from my free clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice Bruce

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 11, 2003

From: Donna White
165 Davis St
Htgn WV 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm A dietbie and if they close the clinic I wouldn't be able to Afford my medicines. And I need 4 shot of insulin A day. It would Kill me. because I can't afford the doctor or medcines, And I have no insurance. We need the free clinic to help the health care promblem.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna White

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/6/09

From: Justin Carman

2025 Enslow Blvd.

Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Ebenezer has allowed me to be able to afford my diabetic supplies. I wouldn't be able to maintain proper care of my diabetes without their help, due to cost. I thank God for the people and service Ebenezer provides for not only myself, but the entire community.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Justin B. Carman

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2-11-08

From: Diana Rogers

116 Marine Pl

Hurricane WV 25526

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it was not for the free clinic at Ebenezer Medical I would do with out the medications that I need for my diabetes and other medical problems I have I have no other source to get these medications. They have been there for me in the past and I hope they are able to be there for me and others that need thier help in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Rogers

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-10-08

From: Q Neal Vance
Rt 2 Box 65-C
West Hamlin WV 25571

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without FREE clinics I will not get my medicine at all.
Low income or NO income family need FREE clinics

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Q Neal Vance

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-10-08

From: Patricia Vance
RH2 Box 65C
West Hamlin WV 25571

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm low Income with NO Insurance with many medical needs & medicine. without This free clinics I would have to go with ORS & medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Vance

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-10-08

From: David N Vance
R#2 Box 65-C
West Hamlin WV 25571

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no income + need my medicine. This is only way.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

David Vance

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-8-2008

From: Denise Maynard
1021 Raccoon Creek Road
Branchland, WV 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without these free clinics people that cant afford the medication would suffer or die from lack of services. The Senate only cares for the rich and kiss their own bottoms. Stop kissing the politians rear and help us poor we are the dept you stand on anyway.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Denise Maynard.

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9-8-08

From: John Maynard
1021 Raccoon Ck Rd
Branchland WVA 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I'm unemployed with no insurance And The Free Clinic helps Me with my Drugs And with my Meds I think They Are doing a Great Job At there job They helped me For a Few years until I got Back on my Feet And got a Good insurance to help me with Drs And meds. So I think they Need to Keep the Free Clinic open And Keep it so people with no insurance can get medicine they need

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Maynard

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Linda Fuller
205 TWP Rd 1379
Ches Oh 45619

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can't afford some of the costly medicine that doesn't come in generic. When my husband passed away this clinic was a life saver for me. I don't know what I would do without it. Please don't stop such a good thing. ~~Ever~~ Everything has raised so much a person really has a hard time making ends meet.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Fuller

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-2008

From: Brenda C Randolph
1701-Franklin Ave #103
Huntington, W. Va 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on a Fixed encome & I only can afford medication thru the Ebenezer Clinic. Since I've been in Wvt Va. I knew that Ebenezer is a help to many Wvt Virginian I hope that by me showing how great a help to Us & more can be helped by Ebby Free clinic operate & help Us Poor & Needy. I'll soon be going Back to Roanoke Va & I know that Bradley Free Clinic will be in the same Fix - But thru God we will be able to pear over Cry & help Us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda C Randolph

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 6 2008

From: Brenda EAves

837 Raccoon CK Rd

Branchland WV 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I can't get my medicine here at the free clinic I will do with out my medicine because I can't afford it. my insulin is too expensive at the drug stores.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Eaves OK

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Patrick Eaves
737 Raccoon Ck Rd
Branchland WV 25508

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I can't afford the medicine from a Pharmacy. The medicine I am on is expensive. I would not be able to have it and my anxiety would difficult to deal with without my medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-6-08

From: Barbara Brannen
156 Terrace St.
Huntington, W.V.
25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I cannot afford the medicine I take. I currently take about 11 different ones. There are quite a lot of people besides myself that need this help.

Thank you

I'm 62 years old.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Brannen
I agree you may publish this letter

Date:_____

From: Phyllis J Webb
Rt 1 Box 330
Milton WV 25541

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We live on a meath/ income. I have no Insurance at all So I need my medicine's ~~[redacted]~~ from my free clinic. I can not afford to pay for precriptions so please help us to keep our free clinic. They are a life saver. So don't take it away. I have a Family to take care of.

Sincerely
Phyllis Webb

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Webb
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: July 6 2008

From: Sheila Mayo
4202 Little Cabell
Ona W.V 25545

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

because alot of people cannot afford the high percents of a pharmacist. the ~~people~~ ~~pays~~ of medicine from here is a great help to people that cannot afford these medicine and doesn't have to go with or it. it would be a shame to end such a great help for people that can't afford the high Price of the Pharmacist

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheila Mayo

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2-6-08

From: Glen Jividen
PO Box 117 Red House
WV 25168

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I had a hard time manging my disease because I could not afford my meds. I have not having any problems ~~sin~~ Sense I have been coming to EMO They have really help me out.

THANK You
Glen M Jividen

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Patty Sanders
Rt 3 Box 154
Branchland WV 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.
I don't have no medical card
And I can't afford my medicine
As I don't have no money,
Please help the people like
us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patty Sanders

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-05

From: Kathryn McLaughlin
2027 11th Ave
Huntington WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I [redacted] would not be able to Afford my meds if it wasn't for Ebenezer clinic, [redacted] with my medical problems this Clinic has been a god [redacted] Send. Without [redacted] it, I would not have my health under control

Thanks

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7 2015

From: Calvin Nichols
Box 232
Williamsburg VA
25661

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This Clinic is a blessing to me for years I have never been seen by a doctor. and because of this Clinic I am a better person in state of mind and the dental Clinic has gave me my smile back it will be a total loss to the people that can afford Medical Care.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Calvin Nichols
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7, 2018

From: Beverly Lee

P.O. Box 232

Williamson, WV

25661

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Thank God for this Clinic it has helped me a lot if it was't for it I would be in a bad shape it helps me to become better in my health and well being and my state of mind. I feel better about my self I can smile again. it will be a total lost if it was closed I might be dead cause I have no insurance and would have no way in seeing about my self with the

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beverly Lee

I agree you may publish this letter

help of this clinic I can have a good health and now feel better to spend time with my grand Kid. and the People in this close

Date: 8-7-08

From: Lisa Howins
PO Box 1146
CEREDO, WV 25507

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no job at this moment & It help me to get my meds here at Clinics, these people are very helpfull & it like family here. I am trying to get SSI But no luck Until. I get Injury. This is life & Death that we get our med from Clinic to Stay healthy & Strong.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Howins

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: DONALD Cole

1496 PEYTON ST. Lot #4

HUNTINGTON W.VA 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

THE COST OF MEDICINE IS ENORMOUS AND EBENEZER OUTREACH IS THE ONLY WAY MY MOTHER CAN AFFORD ALL HER MEDICATION ON HER SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald Cole

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-7-05

From: Barbara S. Mullins
Hc. 61 Rt 82 Box 254.
Man, WV. 25565

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

a life saver for me I had no ins. on
for income. had cancer need all kinds
of meds. they saved my life. help
them to keep it open for the need of
other like me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara S. Mullins

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Leota Skeens

RR2, Box 1589

Wayne, WV. 25570

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I only have a summer job and unemployment in the winter months. If it wasn't for free clinic there is no way I could afford my meds. I don't know how I would make it without them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Leota Skeens

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-09

From: Melissa Simons
PO Box 102
Culloden WV 25510

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my meds from a free clinic my husband does not make a lot of money and we can not afford med insurance. I can not physically work due to uncontrollat insulin dependent diabeties for 15 yrs. Also I have 3 kids that have med conditions an the little bit of money I have goes for their dr. visits. If the free clinic was not here I would have to pay out over $2,000 dollars a month for med. supplies like glucose strips, insulin, levapro, and other med. So it means so much that they stay open cause without them an no med. I might die and leave my kids without a mother.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Simons

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 7, 2006

From: Gary Brooks
2067 7th Ave, Apt #3
Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm 51 years old and NOT able to work at moment. I have trouble with my blood sugar, blood pressure, heart trouble and several other medical problems. If not for the medication assistence I receive free from Ebenezer clinic I would have no where to turn to get my much needed medication. I am so very grateful to Ebenezer for their help. I understand they have to keep their overhead low in order to provide the wonderful assistance they give. Please don't make life hard on those who ~~serve~~ ~~seeker~~ SERVE much needed help to those who are in need. Please be reasonable.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Brooks

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 7, 2008

From: Samantha Fortner
737 Norway Avenue
Huntington, WV. 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We cannot buy medicine from the Regular Pharmacy if we did it would take away from our rent, then we would be on the street with no place to stay. The food prices have gone up so much you have to buy less and try to get by on that. So getting our medicine from the free Clinic helps a lot. We want to keep it the way it is.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Samantha Fortner
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Connie Haynes
900 8th St Apt 107
Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

For the past 15 months - like I thanked God for this place - without their help with my medicine and other things they Do for me - id be in severe pain every day and id be Severely Depressed all the time - I have no insuance at all - They have paid for my mammograms, pap smears, and physical therapy. They are here whenever I need them - this place is a blessing for so many people - Everybody here is so caring and concerned, they treat me like family - Without Ebenezer - I don't know what I would Do - id Really - id be in such pain both physically and mentally I couldn't OR wouldn't want to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie Haynes
I agree you may publish this letter

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Date: 8-7-08

From: Frances Mills
Rt 1 Box 375
East Lynn, W.V. 25512

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am unemployed with two teenagers at home. My husband is disabled and I have no insurance. If it wasn't for this clinic helping me with my medications, I would not be able to get them. Please help us keep our clinic open.

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Frances Mills

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 3-8-08

From: Linda Ryan
1906 Co. Rd. 144
South Point, Oh. 45680

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I live by myself, my husband and I are seperated and my doctor suggested that I come here for my medicine. I don't know what I would do if I had to pay full price for my medicine. This Clinic is a life saver for me and a lot of other people. Please do not take this place away from us.

Thank You
Linda Ryan

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Linda Ryan

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-05

From: DEnnis Brown

923 21st west Huntington

Huntington WV 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This place has helped Me with the heart problem and the Medicines that are very expensive and many people even as myself Cant Afford the have them if we all had to Buy them at Regular price so they have Been At mine and Others in need all the Time

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

DEnnis Brown

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Shara Ratcliffe
81 Sable Point
Hurricane WV 25526

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The free clinic, they help me when I need to see a doctor it cost me nothing, and without my prescription I would not be able to pay for them ~~ones~~. My income is only $400.00 a month. I pay her $161.00 for my rent, I also pay gas and electric bill so that only leave me with enough to get my free med's. Without them I would be back in the hopital. I had a strok about 6 mo. ago ~~so~~ Please consider all the people including me Who would have to go without med's. if we did'nt have this program to help us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shara Ratcliffe

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: Linda Hutchison
4508 Auburn Rd
Huntington, WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My income has been at or below poverty level. Without this free clinic I couldn't get my medicine. There is a possibility I could be disabled soon. If I can't afford medicine on my income now, where will I go?

This is some more of that stuff where we help every other country & outsider but our own.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Hutchison

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-7-08

From: Chris Farrell

307 Bldg 5A 4th St E.

South Point OH 45680

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My wife doesn't have any Medicare Prescription Coverage. I am covered by the V.A. and get mine for free. But if you put this law into effect not only will my wife suffer but thousands of others will suffer also. This Clinic cannot afford to pay for a Pharmacist for Full time or to be shut down. So many people depend and count on Free Clinics because of the cost of Medications and other things

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely Christopher E Farrell

Christopher E Farrell

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Jacque Hornbuckle
1222 Kanawha Ter #6
Huntington WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't receive my meds at Ebenezer, however I do volunteer and talk with clients who do appreciate the convience of being able to pick up there meds in the neighborhood.
So many of our elderly and Low income residents depend on Ebenezer for reduced or free meds.
Closing Ebenezer's pharmacy would be a big set-back to the African American community.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacque Hornbuckle
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 6, 2008

From: Robin France
561 Port Rd 11696
Kitts hill Ohio 45645

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 41 year old Single Female with multiple illness, for the last few years due to not having Insurance I was unable to recieve my medication my medication runs aprox 1000.00 a month if it wasnt for this Clinic Ebenezer it still would be going with out my medicine and I be placed in the Hospital on a weekly bases. We need more people that cares about us the Patients and not the Money.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin France

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 5, 2008

From: Rebecca "Becky" A. Goodman
4183 Fifth St. Rd.
Huntington, WV 25701

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Ebenezer Medical Center clinic pharmacy has a great impact on low-income patients. If it weren't for them the last three years, I would not have been able to continue taking all the medications I need. I have NO insurance or prescription card & have Thyroid, BP, Cholestorol, GERD, environmental allergies, premature menopause, and have low blood sugar that I could end up with diabetes. If it weren't for this program, I don't know where I would get my medications

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Rebecca "Becky" A. Goodman ☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: Melinda Moses
3706 1/2 3rd Ave
Huntington WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this pharmacy because without it I could not afford my medicine. I would suffer greatly. The medicine that Ebenezer provides helps me to live my everyday life. I have problems which surely bother me. I can not obtain help any where else. Without insurance or monies to pay for medicine treatment would be impossible. Please don't let this good service be taken away from me or other like me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melinda Moses

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7, 2008

From: Carolyn Bevans
1439 Benton Rd
Milton, WV 25541

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband & I receive Social security only from him, I need medication every month, I cant afford it without this clinic, I have meds I have to take for the rest of my life that isn't on the $4 plan & if it wasn't for this help from the clinic I ~~can~~ wouldn't be able to live & I'd have to do without my meds & without the potassium it could be fatal but no one care's. We need this clinic very much! Please help us people in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carolyn S Bevans

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: Minnie Watson
PO Box 956
Ashland, KY 41105

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If the clinic would stop providing my medicine. I would probably die a slow death. I have high blood pressure, diabetes, hypothyroidism, high cholesterol, depression. My health would suffer and my quality of life wouldn't be worth much. Please reconsider the enforcement of each free clinic having to have a pharmacist on site. I would never be able to buy all the medicine I need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Minnie K. Watson
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Perry Ramey
1489 Buffalo Creek Rd.
Huntington, WV 25704

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work but have no insurance, & I am on alot of medication, and there is no way I could afford to pay for my medication we need this clinic very badly.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Perry Ramey

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Janet Welch
3349 Rt 75 Lot 48 A
Huntington, WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have to take several different medications and I am very low income. Even if I could go to a place that discounts their medication, it would be to much for me to afford on my own. So if you take away this program a lot of people with be going without medication, some will be life threatening. If you would find a way to keep this program here it would be a life saver for myself and many others who just can't afford health care on their own.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janet Welch
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: Sandra Arthur

1328 17th Street

Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this pharmacy at Ebenezer I am on a limited income and can not afford my meds because I take 13 meds a day. This pharmacy is very important to me without it I would have to go without my Meds I could die so Please do not let this Pharmacy close

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra K Arthur

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5/7/05

From: Oscar Walters

1705 11th Ave.

Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc, Has help me out a great deal. The patients care is good. And the staff and Doctors are great.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Oscar Walters

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 7-11-08

From: Nada Clagg
661 Fudge Creek Rd
Barboursville, WV
25504

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have very little income, without the clinic and medicines I could not afford what I need. Please, do not close, people like me need the help the free clinic provides.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Nada Clagg
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: Harry Hager
Rt. 2 Box 2754
Branchland WV. 25506

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because without my med. My ~~Diedtis~~ blood sugar will go off the chart. I couldn't afford my Meds. any other WAY

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Harry Hager

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2-11-2008

From: Sylvia Harman
Rt. 1 Box 1170
Wayne, WV 25570

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance I'm on Social Security
I'm a diabetic, hypertion and no way to pay for
my medication,
There so many people can't buy their medication

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Harman
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: Arline G. Wirtz
807 County Rd 72
Crown City, OH 45623

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Being of low income the clinic helps me out with the medicine I need. It is a great help to the community and I see alot of these people every day. The medicines that these companys and doctors want us to have are expensive and cannot afford it. I beg you not to take this place away from us. If you do I see that these people and I will never be able to afford my medicine. This clinic has helped me out alot. So please don't close this place. We did it very badly.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Arline G. Wirtz

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-10-08

From: Mary Ramey
1489 Buffalo Ck Rd.
Hamlin, WV. 25704

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There is no way I could do without the Eb. clinic, I am a diabetic, hig chlosterol, High Blood Presure my husband work's he has no insarance, I could not afford to go to a Doctor, so there is no way I could pay for med ~~I guess~~

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Ramey

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/6/18

From: Betty Carter
1551 East Rd.
Hunt WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I've got lung problems
And I've got Chronic desease
and I'm on oxgene and on breathing machine
and I have leg problems so I really
Need all of my Motivation
and I've got Kindey problems

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Betty Carter
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-12-08

From: Jerry Welch
Rt#1 Box 163-A
Prichard WV. 25555

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

With out EMO medicine I would Have to stop Takeing The meds I am on since I am unable to work There would be no way I could not efford The meds. They have been a live saver.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Welch

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/12/08

From: Diana Sansom
432 Crescent Drive
Huntington, W.V. 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Can not Afford to buy my medicine at Wal-mart or CVS Pharamacy the medicine I take is not on the $4.00 list at Walmart. If this place is closed down, I would have to stop taking my Medicine, because I would not be able to purchace it At other Pharamacy's.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-12-08

From: Diana Farley
1582 Sand Creek Rd.
Hurricane WV 25526

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

IF it WASN'T FOR EBENEZER MEDICAL OUTREACH I wouldn't BE ABELE to go to the DOCTOR OR get my MEDICINE BE CAUSE I HAVE NOTHING TO PAY TO SEE A DOCTOR OR GET MY MEDICANE I CAN'T EVEN PAY MY GAS in Full OR my ELECTRIC SO I CAN'T PAY FOR MEDICAN OR doctor. I would BE willing to tell THE PRESS OR ANY ONE ELSE About IT

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Farley

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 3-12-08

From: Barbara Kohlhepp
Rt. 1 Box 31-A
Prichard, WV 25555

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free clinic because I could not afford it otherwise. If I could not come here for my medication then I don't know where else I could go. There are a lot of people in my situation and it would be a great misfortune ~~to~~ and disservice to the people of West Virginia

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kohlhepp

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 12, 2008

From: Carley Nelson
HC 67 Box 158
Kahsville WV, 25534

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My family needs medicine from this free clinic because it helps them afford every day medication that they couldn't afford on their own. Programs like this could help every day Americans who don't have health insurance. This is only one reason why we need free clinics like Ebenezer Clinic. Thank you for helping my family as well as other families who need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carley Nelson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 12-9-12-08

From: Roscoe Smith
HC67 Box 448
Kirksville Mo

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My wife & I are Retired & we are ON a low INCOME, we Have NO INSURENCE & we CAN NOT afford it. IF NOT For This Free CLINIC we would Have To Do WITHOUT MEDICAN.

THANK YOU
Roscoe Smith

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Roscoe Smith
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 12, 2008

From: Peter M. Shively
Rt 1 Box 455
Milton, WV 25541

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic who has been on insulin therapy for 18 years. My employer can't provide medical insurance and I cannot afford to pay for my insulin. Without Ebenezer's Pharmacy Program I would not have the insulin I need to live. Unless the drug Companies, Pharmacy Board, and the State legislature want to provide me and a lot of others with the medicine we need to live I suggest they change their minds on Senate Bill 722. There are a lot of registered voters who would disagree with them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Shively

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-16-08

From: Karen Doty
109 Pine St.
Powhatan Pt., OH 43942

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have barely any income. Definitly not enough to pay for the medicatoin I need. I am 60 years old divorced woman living on my own. If it weren't for clinics like this one, I wouldn't know what I would do.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Doty

Willing to have published ____ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 5-13-08

From: Sarah Armstrong
13 South Broadway St.
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

For My Heart
No Insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Armstrong

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 4-18-23

From: Dale Wood

RD 4 Box 98

Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Hypertension

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dale Wood

Willing to have published ____*yes* ____*no*

Date: 8/18/08

From: Christopher Beaver
146 ELm St.
WHEELING, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance. I also don't make much money at my part-time job.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Beaver

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 9-15-08

From: Patrick Darcy
93 CHAPEL RD.
WHEELING, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I can't go without them. And Health Right offers them at a Low Price. Its amazing Health Right can help out People Like myself with Low Priced meds Because If I didn't have my LexaPro I would be going through Depression.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patrick T Darcy

Willing to have published ___ yes ✓ no

Date: 3-16-17

From: Minnie Garrison

1126 National R.D.
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have really high blood pressure. I take 3 different blood pressure pills & 1 water pill everyday. If I don't take this medication. I can go into congestive heart failure. I do not have the money to pay for this medication It is very important to my health that I get this medication. I Really Really Appreciate this Service. Because OF this service im Still Alive. Please Keep this Service. Thank You Very much.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Minnie Garrison

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date _____

From: Jack Thomas

486 ½ Eoff St.

Wheeling, WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

No insurance Can't afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack Thomas

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-16-16

From: Jay Taylor
P.O. Box 223
Beech Bottom, WV 26030

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I cant afford my medicine at there Regular prices

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Taylor

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: 5-15-26

From: William Wells
206½ Tomlinson Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My wife and I are on a fixed income and can't afford Medication through a regular pharmacy

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William Wells

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date _____

From: _____

153 Burnt Hill Rd.

Wheeling, WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Things are tough Right Now with Everything going on in this world they need more places like this, in this county for Everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marie E. Jordan

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: [redacted]

Darcy

248 WOODLAND KNOLLS #50
MOUNDSVILLE, WV 26041

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Cant afford anywhere else
no health ins offered at my job
Cannot afford dr.s visit
have asthma

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date _____

From: Joseph Six

194 S. Marietta

St. Clairsville, OH 43950

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm diabetic and have no insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Six

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
RR1 Box 120 Lot 19
Triadelphia, WV 26059

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on Disability NO Insurance
and can't afford to pay for
my Med. for My blood Pressure
& Heart,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Jack L Ivory Jr.

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date _____

From: [redacted]

1629 BENNETT ST.

BRIDGEPORT, OH 43912

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'AM A DIABETIC WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, DO TO A PLANT CLOSING I LOST MY INSURANCE, AFTER 29 YRS IN THE MILL AND WITH MY AGE ITS HARD TO GET BACK IN THE INDUSTRY.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Victor Green

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 3/13/02

From:

Jessica Hall 248 Woodland Knolls Apt. 24
Wheeling Health Right Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from this clinic because I can not afford it from any other place. Plus my mom gets her medicine from here. Without her medicine my mom would be Dead & We need this free clinic We can't afford our medicine any where else

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hall

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 5/18/08

Judith Gildow
From: 67404 Grandview
Bridgeport Oh
43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

medically necessary

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 08-13-08

From: Roland Smith
51480 Breeze Hill Road apt A-2
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I CANT AFORD TO GET MEDICINS
ANY WHERE ELS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Roland Smith

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date _____

From: Karen Gerber
164740 Talbott Road
Bellaire, OH 43906

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm on a fixed income & I can not pay for it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Karen Jo Gerber

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2-16-15

From: Cathleen Kuntz

1 Stacey Crossing Apt 904

Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Low Income and unable to pay full price for medications. Also no insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Kuntz

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 12.8.11

From: Tina Gregory
RD 2 Box 11
WHEELING, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If Health Right didn't help me with my medicine I would not be able to get my medicine. I have SLE Lupus and it could kill me if not kept under control! Then my child would be motherless!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tina Gregory

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 8-16-22

From: Harold Johnson
1001-3rd St. Apt. 3
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

no ins. low income

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold Johnson

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: Elizabeth Leavitt
62950 McMillen Road
Barnesville, OH 43713

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Not income or insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Leavitt

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

From: Steve Leavitt
62950 McMillen Road
Barnesville, OH 43713

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

no Income

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Leavitt

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 2-5-25

From: Joseph S. Whitt
Belmont County
Ohio

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Lost my job to downsizing and my health insurance also.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Whitt

Willing to have published \ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: Susan Mason
2231 ½ Belmont St.
Bellaire, Ohio

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We are on very low income, and if it weren't for our free clinic, we would have no chance of getting any medication. We all should have the right to health-care, and we don't know what we'd do without them helping us get our needs met. Please, keep this open for people like us. Thank-you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Mason

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date _____

From: [illegible]

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Due to the fact that I never can only work part time because of my health. My husband works but it isn't enough for us to afford our medicines. The free clinic is one of the first things for people we had. We don't know what we would do if we didn't have them. Also I guess we wouldn't get our medicine because it costs so much and we can't afford to get it anywhere.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
[illegible] Manchester Strasburg Rd
Strasburg Ohio 44777

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need free medicine because the cost of Healthcare & Prescription drugs is way to high to pay for. I can't possibly pay my bills, buy food & gas to work on the wages I make. I am a widow and I don't qualify for any benefits from my late husband because I'm not old enough, so I have to work at a low paying job to make ends meet. Any help given to the low income poor should be a priority. Cut government spending in some other way. I'm sure it wouldn't be hard to cut some frivolous spending somewhere.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: Judith Dorr
4110 Pfeiffer St
White Lake

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance. My husband is on Medicare. SSD. Till I get Medicare. I need help with pills and Doc + Hospital Bills

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judith Dorr

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

As of current I have no money coming in and I can't afford to pay for my medicines. I have no prescription coverage at all. And I get a lot of prescriptions

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lina L Herrera

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date _____

From _____

_____

_____

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been a diabetic since 1980 and have high blood pressure If it weren't for the Wellness Health Right helping me with my prescriptions cost I would not be able to pay for them. My husband is on a fixed income and his Medicare part D payments are high as he takes a lot of medications for his ailments.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Graham

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date _____

From: _____

Peggy Thomas
RR 5 Box 41 moundsville
W.V. 26041

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work a Med-wage Job! Do I Pay my Bills, or Buy my Meds. hard chose. if I have to pay more for my meds. Some of theam I wont Be taeking. Then what. Thank God! for the Free clinics.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Peggy Thomas

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-16-05

From: Jimmie Thomas
RR 5, Box 41
moundsville, wva. 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm on some meds, That cost A lot with my Job, Theres no way I can pay my Utilatys and pay my Meds. So do I Live or die, do I Pay to Keep my elec. on and water in my home, or do I get my meds. Living Expences Keeps going up. Not my pay check. Thank The Free Clinics and The people who help Support Theam.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jimmie Thomas

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: _____

From: [illegible]

[illegible]

Wheeling, West Virginia

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need special medicine ordering is so important for my high blood pressure also I need nexium twice a day for spasm of the esophages which almost took my life so you are helping people in their daily lives so I do thank you for all the great treatment I've been going to health right since wheeling fr North of Wheeling. I hope this free clinic stays here if not there will be a lot of sick people everywhere!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria A. Heatherington

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: _____

From: [illegible]
[illegible] KILLSMALL RD
ST. CLAIRSVILLE OHIO
43950

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

NO-INSURANCE TILL JAN-2009

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marie Schaffer

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 3 16 07

From: LYNETTE E Adams
2223 E Off ST
WHEELING WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

WITHOUT THIS PROGRAM I WOULD BE UNABLE TO AFFORD SOME OF MY MEDICATION. - I AM ONE OF THE "WORKING POOR" WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE - SO EVEN A "COPAY" IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ME - MY PRESCRIPTIONS ARE $2 EACH WITH THIS PROGRAM - WITHOUT THEY WOULD BE COSTING ME OVER $200/MO, THAT IS AS MUCH AS RENT, MY HEALTH CARE WOULD BE SUFFER - VERY MUCH WITHOUT MY MEDS AND THE COST WOULD ESCALATE TO Hospital VISITS DUE TO LACK OF WELL CARE -

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Lynette Adams

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-12-24

From: Dorothy Young
413 Jefferson Street
Martins Ferry Ohio 43935

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have any insurance, and I can't afford it

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Young

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

Date: Aug 18

From: Sharon Cowen

263 Box 242 AA

Wheeling, WVa 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 61 years old & have no insurance, my husband is on disability & gets his medicine from the V.A. If I could not get my medicine from Health Rights I could not afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Cowen

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

Date: Aug. 18. 2008

c/o
From: Linda Groves - John Harding

136 Arthur St.

Wheeling WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Linda is unable to work, and the person in the household with her is disabled due to a work related accident, we have little to very little income. We can't afford any health insurance ever if it was offered we need health right to maintain our road to better health, Please consider People like us on Doing any [redacted]. Evaluations Failure to do so will leave us in the Dark!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Harding

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 12/08

From: Ohio USA
6736 Willow Gr. Rd
St. C. Oh. 43952

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Lost my JOB DUE to "DOWN-SIZING"
& UNABLE to AFFORD HEALTH INSURANCE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 5/17/22

From: Tamara Shafer Apt #5T
68293 Blaine/Clermont Rd
Bridgeport, Ohio 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can't afford my medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tamara Shafer

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 3-15-25

From: Leah Ann Hancher
120½ South York St
Wheeling, W.VA

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine because I only work part-time and have no insurance and couldn't afford to buy it

THANK YOU

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Leah Ann Hancher

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8/12/13

From: Joanne Lacy
314 Garfield St
Mc Mechen, W Va.

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Take care of my mother Full Time. She is 89 years old and not able to take care of herself. I am not in the workforce because of this & my health. I have no income and without this service I would not be able to take care of myself or my mother. I am so great ful for this service and don't know what I would do without it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joanne Lacy

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

Date: 2-14-25

From: Diane Romine
1809 Warw. Av RR
Whg WVA 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am working min. wage - Barely keeping food on my table - Have to my car to go to work.

If I had to pay for my meds I would have to Either Quit working or Eating I Have no xtra money to Enjoy my Life Like a normal working person Should. Be able to

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane Romine

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date: 7/6/17

From: Patricia Zoff
64399 Rock Hollow Rd
Bellaire Ohio

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not afford meds do to unemployment rate + the prices of Meds,

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Zoff

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 5/15/08

From: CINDY L. PALMER
245 WEST 42nd STREET
SHADYSIDE, OH 43947

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I dont have MEDICAL INSURANCE, this is the only way I can get my medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cindy L Palmer

Willing to have published ____ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: LOUELL BRADLEY

2050 HILDAR ST.

WHEELING, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Louell Bradley hope that Wheeling Health Right Pharmacy won't close because I have to have my pills to live. People like myself have no where to get medicine if we don't get medicine sent from the website office. We all have to live one way other if not close Wheeling Health Right Pharmacy, I wouldn't know what I can do with out them.

P.S. Please don't close the pharmacy on us poor people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Louell Bradley

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 2-16-19

From: Frances Wolfe
Rd 3 Box 106
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Husband on SSI He has Medical Card. I have NO Insurance & would not be able to afford my medication and pay my bills too. Health right is a godsend for me & many others

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Frances Wolfe

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: Karen Sue Gibson

[illegible] 24 St.

Wheeler, Wis.

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work in low job like most of Americans, without insurance. My husband gets disability and older people needs help. But how you want to take there people. So they will have. But it only works to unwed teens mothers after government takes away from us. And send over 2000.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Sue Gibson

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 7/15/18

From: Jan Burkett
1417 Birch St
Bellaire OH
43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I don't make enough money to afford my medicine. I'm retired and live on a pretty tight income. I go to work every day, but still can't afford the health insurance. When I found out about the clinic it was such a blessing to me that there is a way and help out there. Please don't do away with it, we are (America)

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jan Burkett

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: Aug 17, 2017

From: Carol Sue Walters
2417 2nd St
Moundsville WV
26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Have NO med Ins.
and I Have Diabetes
I Can NO Afford The med
On my Own

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carol Walters

Willing to have published ____ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 7-15-25

From: Shelia S Lipscomb
3811 Eoff St
Wheeling WV. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I dont make enuff money. For my bill's
so I dont have money For med's

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shelia Lipscomb

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: Aug 15 05

From: Shirley Thorton
RD3 Box 403
Cameron W.V. 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Low income

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Eugene Thorton

Willing to have published ___ *yes* O *no*

Date: 3-15-05

From: Rich Beisner
RD#2 Box 439B
Wheeling WV. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I HAVE no Insurance Due To High COST OF IT I need THE medicine FOR Sleep & Depression So I can Function Propedly In my FAmily & THe Community

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published ___ *yes* X *no*

Date: 7-18-08

From: Juanita Goldberg

2205 8th ST

martins ferry OH

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm 100% disabled. I have no ins Coverage. I'm not eligible for Medicare for approximately another year. If it wasn't Health Right I could not get the medication I need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Juanita C Goldberg

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 5/16/09

From: Stan Fields
4286 Noble St
Bellaire, OH. 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have Diabetes, and had a stroke in Jan 08
I need these meds to help control Blood Sugars.
and Plavix to prevent clots.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Stanley Fields

Willing to have published ____*yes* ____*no*

Date: 2-18-07

From: Amy Bartolovich
RD 4 Box 357
Cameron WV 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I cannot afford my prescription MEDICINE as I have NO INSURANCE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Amy Bartolovich

Willing to have published ___ *yes* X *no*

Date: 8-18-18

From: Joyce Smith
15 Richmond Ave.
Whg. WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can not afford health insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce A. Smith

Willing to have published ____*yes* ____*no*

Date: 8/18/08

From: Vicki Armentrout
Northgate Apts
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Multiple health problems & low income. Can't afford insurance coverage

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Vicki Armentrout

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: AUG 18 2008

From: MATTHEW GARRISON
RD #2 BOX 225
MOUNDSVILLE WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I CURRENTLY HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE, LIKE MANY OTHER AMERICANS. I FIND THIS PHARMACY HELPS ME MAKE IT ~~THROUGH~~ through EACH MONTH. IT IS VERY HELPFUL TO ME AND MY FAMILY. WITHOUT IT OUR BUDGET WOULD BE BLOWN.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Harrison

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

Date: Aug 18, 08

From Charlene Bradford
3926 Jacob St #1
Wheeling WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a recently divorced woman with 2 young children. I don't have insurance and can't get it through the part time jobs that I have. I take Zoloft and would have a very hard time dealing without my medication. Thank God for Health Kit

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charlene Bradford

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 5-15-25

From: Amy M. Burns
29 N. Front St. #2
Wheeling, WV. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Husband is on disability and cannot work I am currently waiting for Social Security on my own disabilities. and cannot work.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy M. Burns

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: Aug 18, 2008

From: Susan J. Twarog
72520 Kaczmarek Rd
Flushing, Oh 43977

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I don't have health Insurance and am in need of med's and heath care. Being diabetic and my med's would cost more than I can pay. Wheeling Health Right is a great place. I don't know where I would be if it weren't for them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan J Twarog

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8/8/08

From: Roberta Burge
2012 7th St
Mosv, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am currently not employed. I am in school and receiving U.C.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

R Burge

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
[illegible]
Thadd Cross

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't get any health Insurance and need help w/ Med. & Care.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William Cross

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date _____

From: Carolyn Hall
217 R Tomlinson Ave
Glen Dale, WV 26038

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

This clinic is very important to me because it provides a doctor and medicines I'll need to control the severe health problems that I have. I can't afford the health insurance offered to me by my employer. Without the clinic providing the medicines for the Lupus, Epilepsy, H.B.P. I would have no way to get these medicines. Please keep me and all people in mind when you make your decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hall

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Lois Martin
1253 Washington St
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work everyday But with what I make I Can not Afford to Buy Medicare. With the Help of Heath Right Pharmacy I can get my Medicine AND I am Able to work. Without it I Couldnt Keep working EVERYDAY

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lois Martin

Willing to have published ___*yes* ___*no*

Date: [illegible]

From: Wanda Jennings
Rt 1 Box 37 U
Proctor, WV 26055-

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can't not afford the medicine
with out this help of medicine
from the free clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wanda Jennings

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-17-23

From: James Jennings Sr
RT 1 Box 320
Proctor, WV 26055-

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have high blood pressure & diabetes both are life threating along with all other medical I have and I am not about with out free medicine from free clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James Jennings

Willing to have published _l_ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 6-Nov-23

From: MARY C. RUSH
67951 DUBOIS ST
BPT, OH. 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I NEED MY MEDICINES BECAUSE I CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR BLOOD PRESSUREMEDICINES MY ACID REFLUX MEDICINE, OR MY MIGRAINE MEDICINE. IT IS HARD ENOUGH TO COME UP WITH MONEY FOR THE NECESSITIES SUCH AS FOOD, UTILITIES & SHELTER. BESIDES THE MEDICINES I USE OUR HOUSEHOLD HAS MY HUSBAND'S MULTIPLE MEDICAL PROBLEMS THAT NEED A LOT OF MEDICINES IF YOU STOP THE MEDICINE FOR OUR CLINIC I AM AFRAID THAT MY HUSBAND & MYSELF WILL BE UNABLE TO BUY OUR MEDICINE, BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS GOING UP AND WE CAN'T MAKE ENDS MEET NOW!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary C Rush

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

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From: Barbara Kemp
Apt. C25 5149 2 Bragg Hill Rd.
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm writing to let you know how thankful I am to be able to get my medications through your pharmacy. I, along with many others you furnish medicines for, due to the fact that our incomes are too low to afford costly medicines, appreciate being able to get our medicines at reasonable. Even if there is an increase in costs for medications, I hope the pharmacy isn't closed.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kemp

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: _____

From: Cindy Francis
263 N. Weus St.
Sistersville WV 26175

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

NO Income waiting on SS.
OR Ins.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cindy Francis

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date _____

From _____

_____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have insurance, could not ~~[illegible]~~ afford any medication or any type of health insurance I'm not sure what I would do without the free clinic in Wetzel Co. I couldn't afford the gas to drive anywhere else with the gas prices. The clinic is greatly appreciated in this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,

Micki Thompson

Date: 8-26-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Pat Shepherd.
P.O. Box 113
Middlebourne, WV 26149

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't make enough to afford meds & insurance this free clinic program is the only way for me & my family to get help. Please don't close the program

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Pat Shepherd

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date _____

From: [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been unable to work for quite a while due to a bad hip I don't know what kind of any health care I could have received without HealthRite - actually I couldn't even take. Know what's going with me I would never be able to afford either on celebrex if we didn't get low price prescriptions. They at least take my conditions more likely.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date _____

From: Carole Hatfield
122 Little Cane Creek Rd
Glen Dale, WV 26038

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am the Secretary of my church at the Twin Star Assembly of God and work with the Pastor and we have a Free Clinic that we have been doing for 2 years. We have been trying to get medications to make me well. We have had many people that have benefited from the clinic. We have had many people that have been helped with their illnesses. We have had many people that have been helped with their illnesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carole Hatfield

Willing to have published ___ yes ___ no

Date: Aug 21 2008

From: RITA DURKIN
51-6CR St
BENWOOD WV 26031

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm not a member of the "Health Right", but a few of my good neighbors are. They talk about the wonderful things you do for them. There is talk about prescriptions being higher price. I hope this is not true. Most people can't afford higher price.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rita Durkin

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-20-08

From: Michael Greenwood
53-6th STREET
Benwood WV 26031

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

On behalf of a friend is the reason I'm writing this, The head woman has been layed up with back problems. The family has used up all their resources. Now I understand the state of WV wants to stop them from receiving the meds at WV healing Health Night. I feel this is a very cruel and unsympathic To treat the people in this way. I urge you to NOT cut the meds for the needy families

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: 8-25-08

From: Marie Manteau
138 Orchard Dr. Apt. A
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have severe diabeties, several complications from this disease including, nearopathy, poor vision and trouble healing.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marie Manteau

Willing to have published X *yes* ~~X~~ *no*

Date _____

From: Teresa Mitchell
21 6th St
Wheeling, WV

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was diagnosed ~~[illegible]~~ with a serious disease, If it weren't for Health right, I would have never got any treatment. They are a good Sent.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Teresa Mitchell

willing to have published ___ yes ___ no

Date: 8/25/08

From: Michael McCardle

3002 Lane 14

Whg. W.V 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance, I do work but do not make enough money after bills to pay for high cost of my medicine. I had a heart attack in 2007 and in order to sustain my health + work I need this medicine without it I will probably lose my job + or have another heart attack.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael McCardle

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8-25-08

From: William Hensley
486 6th St
McMechen WV 26040

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have chronic heartburn, and sinus problems. without the medication I can't breath right or eat anything. I can't afford my medication without this program.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William B. Hensley

willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date 8-25-08

From: Kim Allen
400 Center St.
Martins Ferry

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if I could not get them here I would not bebble to get all of them each mo. these people give their time to serve us. this place is a god send for people like me as well as others. please keep it open. it does a world of good for so many people in this valley

Thank you

Kim Allen

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Allen

willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: Aug 25

From: Leah Webb
44065 Lafferty Rd
St. Clairsville OH
43950

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

my mom isn't working and we cant afford to pay regular prices it really helps us at

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date 8-25-08

From: Nancy L. Winzenreid
50945 Methodist Ridge Rd.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I take 12 regular medications daily. If I did not get my medicines from Wheeling Health Right, I could not afford them at a pharmacy, because I have no health or medication coverage. I need Wheeling Health Right! I have no job and no income!

Please leave Wheeling Health Right Pharmacy alone!! People like me need them!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Winzenreid

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8/25/08

From: Connie Woods
1069- Nik-Dar
Wheeling WVa 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine due to the fact I have no insurance & can't afford to pay for it out of pocket for me & my daughter.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie Woods

willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date 8-25-08

From: Charles Moorehead
1124 N. 7th ST
Martins Ferry Ohio 43935

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

No Insurance - I Take 20 pill A Day
12 Different medicines Could not Buy
Meds on My Income, I would Die!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Charles Moorehead

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8·27·08

From: Yvonne Burriss
70521 Maynard Rd. lot #5
St. clairsville Oh, 43950

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have no medical or pharmacy Insurance offered to me through my employment. I can't afford insurance because I don't make enough money to pay for it outside of my place of employment. And w/o my meds my health is not good. I need my medication to function normally on a day to day basis.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Burriss

willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date 8/25/08

From: Tim Courtright
135 Main St
Cameron, WV 26033

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am unemployed with no income & I need my medicine very much. I appreciate all your help

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Courtright

willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date 8-25-08

From: Nancy Pickens
RR 2 Box 247-A
Valley Grove WV 26060

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I cant afford medicine with my income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pickens

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8-25-08

From Mary Ann Wilson
217 Thorn Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband and I own a business. We Cannot afford to buy health insurance So we need a program like this to help us out. At least we work for a living its not like Welfare. Please dont take this away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wilson

willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date 8 25 08

From: PAMELA S REYNOLDS
534 N ZANE HWY
MARTINS FERRY OH
43935

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I could not afford my med if it were not for my free clinic - Inhalers & Blood Pressure meds keep me alive. I work for men. wages and have little family to help me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Pamela S Reynolds

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-25-08

From: RebeKah Beisner
Rd2 Box 479B
Wheeling, WV 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because my place of work does not offer Health Coverage and my husbands is to Expensive to Have Coverage

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Becky Beisner

willing to have published ___ yes X no

Date: Aug 28-08

From: Jacquelyn J Jones
142 Waynesburg
Ave - Cameron WV
26033

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Lost my job am drawing unemployment
Now know health care at all

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn J Jones

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8-25-08

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From: SUSAN ROUSE
324 Wilbert St.
Wheeling WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have insurance. I have been at my job for 15 years but they dont offer insurance and I ~~dont~~ cant afford to buy private insurance. My medicine is so expensive that without Health-Rite I would not be able to buy enough for the month. Before I was only able to buy my blood pressure medicine once in a while.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Rouse

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8-25-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Alisa DelGozzo
4158 Trumbull St
Bellaire Oh 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not afford Insurance. And I am not eligable for Insurance where I work. I Depend A whg health Right for my monthly meds. If it were not for whg Heath Right. I Dont know what I would do or how my health would be. I Know I Could not Afford to Stay healthy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alisa DelGozzo

willing to have published X yes ___ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-25-08

From: Shirley Weed
4116 Jacob ST.
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need Health ~~Rite~~ Right because my husband is on PSC. and I have no insurance and I can't afford my medicine. I take Proventic so that I can breath. I take crestor so my chloristal will stay low.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Shirley Weed

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: [illegible]

From: Glenna M. Whitecotton

4340 Jacob St

Whg, WV 26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have several health Issues and without my Medication, would Be in Serious trouble. Thank God for Health right. Living on a fixed income and due to the rising cost of food and utilities, makes it close to impassible To survive, Thank you for saving me further heartache To Know there are people like Health right who realy care about us unfortunate ones who without you might have no where else to turn.

Thank you!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Glenna Whitecotton

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date 8-25-08

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AUG 28 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: TIM ALLEY
P.O. BOX 256
FOLLANSBEE WV 26037

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

BECAUSE I COULDN'T AFFORD TO OBTAIN IT WITHOUT THE CLINIC.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Alley

willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: 8-25-08

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AUG 28 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Valerie Scheal
148 1st St.
Bridgeport, OH 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My employment status makes it impossible for me to pay retail for my medication. If it weren't for the pharmacy at Wheeling Health Ride, I would have to go without. This service is a God-send for people earning only minimum wage.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Valerie Scheal

willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

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AUG 28 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-25-08

From: Beverly Cross
68201 Comm. R. Apt 16
Bridgeport, Ohio
43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Blood Pressuer was Running very high & I was very depressed after my hus Bands death. I did not have the money for help, until someone told me about Health Rite & their Pharmacy. I am Feeling good Again After 2 years. Of not caring Any more. Why try & ruin A good thing? Because they are not After the money. They are very helpful & pleasand & care about the little guy

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bev Cross

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8-25-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Sheila Powell
31 pipe st
Wheeling WV

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband gets SSI for he had a heart attack. I don't work so I need this clinic because I have no money or medical card to help me. I am going thought the "change" and so I have a lot of female things going on. With out this clinic I don't know what I would do for Dr's + meds. I have to take a lot of meds. So please don't do away with this. Not only me there are a lot of others worse off then me. So please consider this.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Sheila Powell

willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: [redacted]

From: Cleona Armbruster
201 Lane 14
Wheeling, WV 26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't make enough money to pay for medicine or insurance. [redacted]

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cleona Armbruster

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: Becky Ross
201 Lane 14
Wheeling, WV 26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't make enough money to pay for medicine or insurance. I make to much money to get help through West Virginia for my medical condition.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Becky Ross

Willing to have published ___ yes ✓ no

Date: 8-25-08

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From: TONI SMITH
501 10th St apt 403
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic and have no health insurance. The Company I work for is a small company and does not offer health insurance. I need my medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Toni Smith

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date: 7-22-08

From: Edward Gooch
1030 Chapline Street
Apt. 608
Wheeling, WV 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the Medicine from the free clinic because I can't afford it in a pharmacy. Meds today cost so much, and people just can't afford it. I do believe they should keep the clinic open for people who can't afford it. It is a wonderful thing this Clinic has done. They have really helped me and still are helping me and others. I pray that they will keep it open. I will say a prayer for the clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

P.S. It is a wonderful thing this clinic does for people.

Sincerely,

Edward Gooch

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Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
[illegible] SR.
318 N. ERIE ST
WHC, WV, 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I had a heart attack
1 week before my ins.
from work was to go into
effect now I can't afford
to pay outrages price
for the govt meds. that
I have to take to stay
alive thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[illegible] SR

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Date: _____

From: Ronnie Lewis
3057 ½ Guernsey
Bellaire OH. 43906

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need The Pharmacy because I Have suger and Med. Cost so much cant live with out

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Lewis

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-22-08

From: DEBORAH L. PETTIT
79 GASHELL RUN RD.
TRIADELPHIA, WV

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE AND THEREFORE CAN'T AFFORD THE REGULAR PERSCRIPTION PRICES. FORTUNATELY WHEELING HEALTH RIGHT ONLY CHARGES A MINIMAL AMOUNT FOR MY PERSCRIPTIONS. WHY CAN'T THEY LEAVE LOWER & MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE ALONE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
D L Pettit

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

From: Shirley McCarthy
301 Virginia St Apt 2
Bethesda, OH 43719

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

No Medical

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley McCarthy

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Date: _____

From: Candice Bennett
114 W. Washington St
Lbg. WV 24901

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

No Insurance Low Pay
Meds Are very Expensive
Health Right has always been
There for me

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Candice Bennett

Willing to have published ___yes ____no

Date [illegible]

From: Dawn + Clyde Bargo
P.O. Box 70
Triadelphia, WV 26059

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We are a low income family that cannot get group insurance and can't afford private insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawn Bargo

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

From: Linda White
[illegible] Parker St. Ft.
Wbg. WV 26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

[illegible]

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

Willing to have published ____ yes ____ no

Date: [illegible]

From: Clyde D. Price
P.O. Box 31
Powhatan Point, Ohio 43942

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Thank you for your services to all of us, we hope you will continue to be here for all of us that don't have health Insurance. It would be a great loss to lose it there in West Virginia, when so many other states are fighting to keep theres. Meds are very expensive and with out your good blessed services, I don't Know how all of us that are now receiving this blessing will get along without it. In closing, I again thank you for hearing my letter and considering what it means to all of us and the state of West Virginia and those in counties of neighboring states.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

C. D. Price

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: 8-26-08

From: Jackie Cole
288 Incline Ave.
Wheeling, WV 26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My son is a diabetic. He also suffers from neuropathy, is Bi Polar and has had to have several surgeries performed. If his medications hadn't been made available to him, he very well may have died! I find it unbelievable that someone is so heartless as to try to take his life saving meds from him.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jackie Cole

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-22-08

From: Mary Lagrow
35569 Main St.
Barnesville, OH 43713

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband is self employed we cannot afford health insurance. He has had a triple by-pass and would not be able to afford it because of fuel and repair cost. I had my back and am unable to work. I have high blood pressure and am in pain every day. It would be a tragedy to close the pharmacy. We would not be able to afford our medicines

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Lagrow

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8/22/08

From: Cindy Dalto
115-3rd Ave.
Bellaire, OH 43906

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OH BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a single working woman who has tried to support myself all my life by Sometimes Working 2 Jobs with all other Bills & outrageous prices for medicine What are we suppose to do - JUST let us die? Tell the government they have enough already. Send a few more billion to Iraq so they can feed and take care of all there people so they can in turn Kill our men

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cindy Dalto

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 7-[illegible]-08

From:

Courtney Mazek
RD 1 Box 191
Triadelphia, WV 26059

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have a mental disorder, when I don't get my medicine, I become an emotional mess. It gets to the point that no one wants to be around me. I also have an unbearable menstral problem, and the only way to keep it under control is the pill. Since the second grade I have been diagnost with migrains. They are so painful and unbearable, some of them have even sent me to the ER. I still have not been able to find the cause, but the only thing that seems to help is my medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Courtney Mazek

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Date: 8-25-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Kelli Kuderski
4 Ash Avenue
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not have medical Coverage. I do not Quaify for medicaide or medicare. I am from a working family and we cannot afford medications. If the medicine is not given I dont know what we'd do.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelli J Kuderski

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Date 8-25-08

From: Raymond Kuderski
4 Ash Avenue
Mountwille, WV 26041

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work 38-40 hrs A week as a Farmer I dont have Medical Coverage Available to me at my work. I have A family of 3 and Could not afford medications if it Wasn't for the Free clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Raymond A Kuderski

willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date 8-25-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Robert D Hodge
Sharla K. Hodge
458 Market Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband ~~have~~ has been with very little work last year & I have only a part time job without the help we receive from Wheeling Health Right we could not afford our medicine. I know there are many more people in our Same Situation. Please conciden this when making your decision

Thank you

Sharla K Hodge

Robert D. Hodge

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharla K Hodge

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date Aug 25, 2008

From: Peggy Webb
4405 Lafferty Rd
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

it helps me and my daughter out
with ~~my~~ our prescriptions

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Peggy Webb

willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: 8/20/08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: John P. Smith Sr.
443 Main St.
Benwood, WV 26031

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a sinsle male with a lot of health problems unable to work and obtain a medical card from the state. If this program is shut down it would eventually cripple me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John P. Smith Sr.

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date _____

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BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Gary Roe
65567 Dixon Hill Rd.
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am Diabetic I depend on this Pharmacy For my Medicine and the Doctors. If it wasn't For Health Right. I would be in trouble with my Health

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Gary Roe

willing to have published (yes) no

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Date: 8/26/08

From: Melissa Bowman
& Joseph Willet
124 Virginia St.
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Not all families can afford health insurance through the companies that they work at. And the free health clinics really help alot of people in todays society. The people who can afford health insurance really doesnt know what its like not to be able to have their medication when they need it. I am very thankful for the free clinic, because if it wasn't for Wheeling Health Right I would not be able to afford my medication some of it cost more than what I make in a 2 wk pay.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

M. Bowman &
J. Willet

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: Aug. 22 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Robert Colley
R.D. #1 Box 48
Wellsburg WV
26070

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I use Nexium For my Stomach & Prevacid
I use Relpax For Migraines I get.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Robert Colley

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Joe Kuhn
3492 Belmont St
Bellaire, Oh 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

ON Very low INCOME S.S.I. CAN'T AFFORD MEDICINES. QUALIFY FOR FOOD STAMPS. TAKE 16 Blood Pressure Pills A DAY. WITHOUT These MEDICINES I WOULD DIE This is A great, helpful PROGRAM AND MANY THOUSANDS DEPEND ON this PROGRAM.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Kuhn

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date [illegible]

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: [illegible]
217 Bunnell St.
Bridgeport, Oh. 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am currently ordered to take synthroid medication, due to my thyroid problems. And Health Right is a wonderful option for low income folks to myself. I am very grateful for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

willing to have published x yes ___ no

DATE: 8-26-08

FROM: Cheryl Craft
835 Thomas ST
Bridgeport OH 43912

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was diagnosed with diabetes in may I need access to the free clinic because I have five Different prescriptions that could cost me a total of $396 Plus if there is no more clinic I would be forced to go to my family doctor at a cost of $150.00 per visit With a fixed income of $800- a month I couldn't afford to go to the doctors and pay for pills also every month But without going to the doctors for prescriptions, I wouldn't have any pills with diabetes that would place me in jeopardy and a dangerous situation

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely
Cheryl Craft

Sincerely,

Cheryl Craft

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date 8/22/08

From: Elizabeth Young
32 Oak Avenue
Moundsville, WV 26041

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I only work 30 hours per week so I am not considered full time at my job. For this reason I am not offered insurance. If I had to pay full price for any medication I my recieve I would not be able to afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Young

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date [illegible]

From: MARILYNN KETTNER
307A Chapel Hill
TRIADELPHIA, WVa 26059

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm on fixed income Soc. Sec. & couldn't afford meds without free clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marilynn Ketner

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date Aug 21 2008

From: Elsie H Fox
53883 McClainsville Rd
Bellaire OH 43906

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have several medical issues and need prescription medication to be able to function even minimally. I recently lost my job and have been denied SSDI (waiting for a hearing). Without the free medical services and prescriptions, I may as well give up because I wouldn't want to go on as I was before I found Wheeling Health Right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elsie H Fox

willing to have published X yes ___ no
(without name)

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Date 8-26-08

From:

Carol Wood
421 Market ST
Yorkville Ohio 43971

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Health Insurance is too expensive at work - I cant afford it - Wheeling Health Plan has been a life saver for me - I had dangerous low levels and needed med badly - plus My blood pressure - I am very thankful for this program - It has helped immensely!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Wood

willing to have published ____yes ____no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date 7-28-08

From: Linda L. Burdine
3624 West St.
Weirton, WV 26062
Brooke County

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am part of the working "poor". I have a job that only hires part-time and has no benefits. If not for Wheeling Health Right I could not afford my medicines. I have several health problems including Chrohn's Disease, Diabetes and several others. I probably wouldn't be here if not for the help of Wheeling Health Right. I certainly wouldn't have my medicines (14) that I need daily.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Burdine

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8-20-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Melissa Craig
322 N Kanawha St.
Wvg WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been working at my job for over 5 years and do not have medical insurance. In order to qualify I have to work full time. However, I can't work full time because I have 3 children to take care of and can't afford day care for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Craig

Willing to have published ___ yes ✓ no

Date: 8/25/08

From: Donna Richards
54540 Zanesville Rd
Bridgeport, OH 43912

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I like alot of others in this area I have no health insurance and do not qualify for medicade. I work for $6.25 an hr. and normaly get less than 30 hrs a week. The meds I need would cost more than I make in a month. If not for the pharmacy at Wheeling Health Right, I could not afford the meds I need. It is unfair to me and many others in the area that the pharmacy at Wheeling Health Right remain open.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Richards

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Dear Board of Pharmacy

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Evelyn Johnson
3844 Jason Ave
Huntington WV 25704

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have three grandchild and I will like to be around, to see them grow up. and I like what they right does for other people.

Thanks you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Johnson

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Lewis Tetas
Po Box 543
Why WV.

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic,

With all I have wrong with me, without the aide of Health Rites services, I would be dead.

Every other country except the great U.S.A. provides Health care for its peoples wether you are rich or poor.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lewis Tetas

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-28-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Roxanne Perrelli
1119 Lane H
Whg WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My son is recieving medicine from the free clinic. We can not afford this medicine over several years my mother (Sidney Wheaton) my self and my husband (Richard Perrelli) recieved these medicine from Whg Health Rite. Believe me when I say alot of this medicine was life sustaining and they would have died without it, and could not afford it. If the Free Clinics are stopped there will be alot of people in danger. Don't you realize people are in desperate need for their help at the free clinic

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Perrelli

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8/26/08

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W.V. BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Faye Carmichael
25 Ninth Street
McN, WV 26040

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I could not use this pharmacy I would not be able to afford my medicine, I have asthma and this could result in death. Who would take care of my children?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Faye Carmichael

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-26-08

From: Carol A. Richmond (Patient)
404½ Elm St
Martinsburg, Ohio 43935

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm 52 years old, I'm diabetic, I have had 2 heart attacks, 4 different types of arthritis, Neuropathy in my feet, Carbo tunnel in both my hands. I'm on 14 different medications I need and if it wasn't for Health Right I would be in trouble for there is no way I could afford to pay for the medication, its way more than my & my husbands income. What are you trying to do make us have my Pills for breakfast lunch or supper?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Carol A. Richmond

Also, Mr. Bush you help other countries why don't you help ours!!

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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Date: 8-23-08

From: Andy Kuhl
351 View Point Lane
Lwby WV 25003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My wife and I are dependants on the free clinic. We will have to rob banks or something if you take away our free clinics Don't you understand? Please, we live on SSDI - Please don't take away our medicines.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8/22/08

From: Mary Ann Kuhl
351 View Point Lane
Wng. WV 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We Are Keeping up Finically with Credit Cards. Please do not Take Away The free clinics. With Gas up food rising rent and everything else we need The cost of our meds To stay As low As possible.

Please Please Please Do not restrict free Clinic Pharmacies

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Kuhl

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

From: John Terry
3105 Wetzel St
Wheeling WV 26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I work 2 part time jobs with no insurance and I can't afford to pay full price for medicines. If it wasn't for Health Right I would not get my medicines. I have high blood pressure and high classetol and I need my medicines. Please keep Health Right open!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John G Terry

Willing to have published ___ yes ✓ no

Date: [illegible]

From: Rebecca S. Terry
3145 West 21st St.
Wheeling, W.Va. 26003

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I had a stroke 11 years ago and I need several kinds of medicines of which I could not afford, I have no insurance and cannot afford insurance. I need my medicine so I don't have another stroke. I need Plavix, Norvasc, Adacand, Actz, Lipitor, Potassium, Buspar. Please don't let Health Right closed.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Terry

Willing to have published ___ yes _/_ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-22-08

From: Patricia Orum
RR#3 Box 159 4th St.
Moundsville, WV

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Due to the high cost of meds, without the help of Health Right I would not be able to afford my medication. Even on the Walmart perscription $4.00 plan not all of them are able to get them at that cost. People who go to health right for meds and doctors visits are ones who cannot afford Health Insurance. I understand that this is not the Board of Pharmacy's problem, But where is the help going to come from. I've even had to give up and appartment move in with my daughter in order to afford things I need to get by on

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A Health Right Patient

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date 8/22/08

From: DAVID J Cline
78-45TH ST
WHEELING WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

2 YRS AGO I LOST WORK BECAUSE OF A HEALTH CONDITION (ATRIAL FIB'S), I LOOKED INTO GETTING MY MEDICINES FROM A KNOWN PHARMACY (RITE AID, CVS) BUT, WAS NOT REALLY ABLE TO AFFORD THE COST. PERSON'S I TALKED TO SAID TO TRY WHC HEALTHRIGHT. THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO SERVE MY NEEDS AND I THINK THAT THEY REALLY DESERVE TO REMAIN OPEN TO TOTALLY SERVE THE PUBLIC'S NEEDS THAT REALLY CANNOT AFFORD THEIR MEDICATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE REQUESTS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
David J Cline

willing to have published ___ yes ✓ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
[illegible] Carmel St
[illegible] WV 2[illegible]

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband is disabled from a brain aneurysm. I work at a job that offers me no health insurance. I am trying to take care of my husband and raise my two sons on our limited income, but that is very hard with the prices going up on everything. I would not be able to pay for my medications at a pharmacy and put food on the table. Wheeling Health Right has help me be a healthier person so I can take care of my family.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date 8-22-08

From: DAVID WILSON
235 S. TAYLOR HWY
MARIETTA FERRY, OH 45935

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM UNEMPLOYED AND CAN'T AFFORD MY MEDICATIONS WITHOUT THE DISCOUNTED PRICE AT WHEELING HEALTH RIGHT

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
David Wilson

willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date 8-22-08

From: Michaela Basham
24 Orchard Circle
Wheeling, WV 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work full time and am also a full time student. I am doing everything I can to make a good future for myself, but in the meantime, I need some help. I have been diabetic for 12 years. I need to take 4 insulin shots every day. My diabetic supplies alone would cost over $200 a month at a regular pharmacy. I would not be able to cinch my budget any tighter to pay for my medications if I was not able to get them at Wheeling Health Right. Very few jobs in the area offer health care for someone without a college degree. Basically, if I could not get my medications at Wheeling Health Right, I would need to be on a starvation diet to try to control my blood sugar. That's how diabetes was treated before insulin, and FYI it doesn't work. Taking medications away from clinics would be comparable to giving a death sentance to the "working poor" who need the medications to survive, but cannot afford them, even if they traveled to Canada.
Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michaela A Basham

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: Aug. 22, 2008

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From: Tammy L. Riggs
RD1 Box 302-6
Wheeling, W.VA. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I'm on alot of medicines that are expensive. I'm a diabetic and have to have my insulin, testing supplies, needles and I don't have health insurance and this is the only way that I can get my meds filled. I will be on these meds for the rest of my life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy L Riggs

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Date 8/22/08

From: GARNA CORBIN
33977 JOHNSON RIDGE RD
BARNESVILLE, OH, 43713

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

BECAUSE I HAVE NO INS, WHICH I'M A [redacted]
WIDOWER, AND HAVE NO INSURANCE FROM MY HUSBAND'S.
MY HUSBAND WAS DISABLED AND WAS ON SSI. I'M NOW
ON MY OWN AND CAN'T AFFORD HEALTH INS. DUE TO MY
INCOME IS VERY LITTLE AND WITHOUT THIS FREE CLINIC,
FOR MY MEDICINES, & MY HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND THE PRICES
OUT RIGHTOUS, I'D HAVE TO GO OFF MY MEDICATIONS & THEN
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN? YOU TELL ME!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Garna Corbin

Willing to have published ___ yes ✓ no

Date: 8/22/08

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From Melody Bowman
107 8th st
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was permanently Injured 11/22/03 at my last employment, I have no benifits and unable to Return to my previous Job. I looked for work for 1 1/2 years and Currently only have a 19 hr Job. I have been Deemed unelegeble for SS Disabiliti and SSI If I were to Loose this only benifit, I would not be able to aford any medication. at my current Job, I'm bearly paying mothly utilities. Please let us Keep our health Care

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melody Bowman

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Date 8/22/08

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From: William Jarvis Jr
RD 5 Box 85
Cameron W.V.
26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I could no way get these meds or medical treatment if it were not for this place and the wonderful people who work here. When you only make enough money to barely pay your bills and feed yourself, and sometimes like winter when people don't need work done around the house or grass cut it really is hard. I live 20 minutes on the other side of Cameron W.V. It takes me an hour and 20 minuets and without a car depending on rides from other people makes it hard getting here. My health would be in question without this place.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William Jarvis Jr.

willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date: 8-22-08

From: Misti Passarello
1988 Cherry Hill Rd.
Wheeling WV 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Misti is my wife and she gets her medicine from Wheeling Health Right because she doesn't have health insurance and cannot afford to pay for health insurance on her own. If she couldn't get her medicine from here, I don't think she would be alive today. So please allow this service to go on.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

willing to have published ___yes ___no

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Date [illegible]

From: Fred Domingue
47861 Yesterday Road
Jacksburg, OH 43933

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I was diagnosed with diabetes about ten years ago. My wife always worked to provide us with insurance through her job since I was self employed. My diabetes and other illnesses have progressed to the point that I'm now disabled. All the years I had diabetes I didn't get as good of care with insurance as I have gotten at Healing Health Right. I feel that I am finally recieving the right medications and better care here than I ever got when I had insurance. I could not afford to pay for any of my medications if it weren't for the wonderful people at Healing Health Right.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Domingue

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date 8-22-08

From: Carolyn Dominguez
47861 Scatterday Road
Jacksburg, Oh. 43933

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free clinic because I don't have any insurance and I couldn't afford to pay for my prescriptions without the free clinic. I had insurance through my job until my husband became disabled and we lost his income. Without his income I had to discontinue paying the high amount deducted from my paycheck for insurance so we could have that money to live on. If it weren't for the free clinics neither my husband nor myself would be able to see a doctor, let alone pay for the medicines we need. I thank God for the good people at St. Reclen Health Right

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Dominguez

willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-25-08

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From: Judy Porter
Pottery Terrance Apts C-7
Cameron, WV 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My medicine is for a number of different ailments. Several of these could be detrimental to my health (even fatal) without. My financial situation hinders me from being able to afford even one of these, let alone the many I am perscribed. But at the reduced rate, I am able to get the medicine I need to keep me an active part of my community.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Porter

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: 8-22-08

From: Kathrine L Sonier
3500 Lincoln Ave
Shadyside, Ohio 43947

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I don't have anyother alternative. If I did I would use it! Many, many, people ~~the~~ depend on this program. People will really, really suffer this is not a "Luxury" it is a need!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Kathrine L Sonier

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

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From: Cynthia Meager
26 Birch Lane
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Am A 19 year old College student that has high cholesterol that can't be controled with A diet, And acid reflux so bad that if I get A glass of water in the middle of the night and lie back down, I have indigestion within a few minutes. Being 19, I am too old/young to qualify for any govt help, like too many college students. This is the only assistance I can get And if you take this privilege away, I am one (more) person that is without, And in danger of futer health problems. Please, let this one charity remain.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cm-meager

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

Date 8-22-08

From: Elizabeth Caputa
405 Broadway St.
Martins Ferry, OH 43935

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have lost my job, am trying for disability My health is poor & I have no money!

Plus I really appreciate Health Right. Why do you want to take my health security away from me!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Caputa

willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date 5-22-05

From: Tammy Arruda
RD#2 box 228b
Moundsville WV 26041

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can't afford medicine anywhere else.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy Arruda

willing to have published ____yes ____no

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Date: 8/22/08

From: Joshua Green
1400 caldwell st
McMechen WV 26040

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Due to the lack of Jobs and insurance many west virginia people cant afford medicine an need help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joshua Green

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

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Date: [illegible]

From: Tamara Bruce
P.O. Box 1,3168
Whg. WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

To Whom It May Concern:
I feel that it would be a great injustice to stop medicine from the free Clinic. I have many friends and Relatives that would probably have died due to the fact that they can not afford their life saving medications. If medications are stopped, We will probably have a very bad situation develope. We may have to start preparing & making more graveyards. I'm sorry for being so grim, but I am just making a plea for friends and family.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Tamara D. Bruce

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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Date: 8/25/08

From: Robin T. Owens
1030 Chaplain St. Apt. 301
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm waiting for my disability to be approved. Those of us who are in dire need are having a very hard time to get the approval we need. I have alot problems, medically, that I need medication for right now. I'm not capable of working or else I would be doing so right now. My medicines keep me alive. I'm on (14) different medicines. Without this free medicine, for one thing, I would go into a diabetic coma and die. I have diabetes, high blood pressure, osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, a sciatic nerve in my left leg, a disc in my lower spine that is ruptured, anxiety and depression. Until I can receive my disability that I've been trying to get since 2002, I am lost without this medicine. God be with you as he is with me!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Robin T. Owens

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-16-23

From: LEE M. RUSH III
67151 DU BOIS ST
BRIDGEPORT OH 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I NEED MY MEDICINE BECAUSE I HAVE DIABETES AND ONSET GLAUCOMA WITHOUT THE HELP FROM HEALTH RIGHT THERE IS NO WAY I CAN AFFORD MY MEDICINES ON MY OWN WITHOUT THE MEDICINE MY SUGAR DIABETES WOULD STILL BE OVER 400 & MY EYESIGHT WOULD BE GONE. I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD BY NOW BECAUSE LOW INCOME PEOPLE ARE THE FORGOTTEN ONES. I'M JUST ONE OF THE MANY THAT DEPEND ON MY MEDICINE TO STAY ALIVE & CONTINUE TO SEE BECAUSE WITHOUT MY EYEDROPS & DIABETES MEDICINE I AM LOST

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lee M Rush III

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8/16/2008

From: MICHELLE STERLING
400 WEST 44TH ST.
SHADYSIDE, OH 43947

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

BECAUSE I'M BIPOLAR & IT'S CONVINENT FOR THE PRICE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Sterling

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
[illegible]
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Being a Widow on Social Security only with no Medicade, Insurance, or Medicare I would be forced to decide if I wanted to buy food, pay household bills, heating bills, or buy my prescriptions. If I did not need my medications to live a healthy life that would be wonderful, but that is not the case. Even if I were on Medicare I could not afford to buy my meds, as then I would be having to pay a portion of my Doctor, testing, and hospital stays. Without my meds my daughters would not have a Mother, and my grandchildren would not have a Grandmother.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Germaine J. Widmer

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 1-12-15

From: Ashley Shuman
4 Simpson Hill
Pine Hall NC 27679

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the medicine I would not be able to breath or complete the activities I so much enjoy. Without my stomach pills I would always be having extreme pain. I feel it necessary to have these free clinics to help provide for the people in need. As we all know the nation is very under in the health care we can receive many people have no possible way to pay for the meds every month. Insurance benefits are very poor in the United States. So, please for the people in need don't take the free clinic care only way to get are medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ashley Shuman

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

Date: 5/12/09

From: Jennifer Shuman
PO Box 4
Pine Grove, WV
26419

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work but I do not have health insurance. I am very grateful for the help I get for my medicine. I depend on WHR for my RX's. I need my medicines. I am on 6 different prescriptions and I would not be able to get my medicines. It makes me sad to think because I am so poor that I won't be able to get my RX. Being able to get my medicine here, at least makes me feel like a Person.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Shuman

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-19-05

From: Kathy Ziegler
58 Cowhase Rd.
Sistersville WV 26175

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

cl need medicine from my free clinic because cl have [redacted] 3 children and over the years things have gone up so I would not be able to afford everything so cl need my medications. Because cl have severe pain in my legs, feet and back and cl have a hard time walking so without your help cl could not afford my medicine cl would really appreciate if you could still keep the free clinic pharmacy open!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published KZ yes ___ no

Date: [redacted]

From: [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We need medicine from Wheeling Health Right because we have no insurance, no prescription coverage and would not have the financial income to continue medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: David A Weekley

Rt. 2 Box 304

New Martinsville WV 26155-9621

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from Wheeling Health Right because I have no health insurance or prescription coverage and would not have the financial income to continue medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

David A Weekley

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 6/12/08

From: Ashley
Cunningham
RD 3 Box 295
Cameron WV 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Im 20 years old going to college and working full time Health rite has helped me out in so many ways and the pharmacy is very helpful with the cost of living its hard to afford the prescriptions that we need.. but with health rite its affordable

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Ashley Cunningham

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: 8/2/18

From: Neal A. Morris
204 E. Church St
Wakefield, OH. 43793

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My finances receives for medications she couldn't otherwise afford. We are very happy with the services we get with the high prices of medicine of the Healthright pharmacy would close down would cause us a great hardship on us and many others. My finances for my health problems at receives 13-14 different kinds of medicine we pray they keep this medicine service to us & others.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Neal A. Morris

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 2-12-08

From: Linda M. Burch
67907 Kennedy Ave.
Bfl. Oh. 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the Pharmacy At Wheeling Health Right, Because I get Little income And I am Not ~~eligible~~ able to get ANY other help. either from Welfare, or VA. I Really need there Help, And They Are great People and have been here to help me And Thousand's Of People who Don't have Know Place to go or funds to buy there meds

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Burch

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: _____

From: Linda Croghan
PO Box 812
Moundsville, WV
26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have one Kidney, and acid Reflex high Blood Pressure, I Cannot afford my meds anywhere Else. Heath Right helps me out a lot, most Please People can't afford their Meds. We all need wR/Pharmacy. you will let a lot of People down if you close the Pharmacy down. ~~We Go~~

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Croghan

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 6-12-2005

From: Mary F. Canter
528 Spruce Lane Apt 409
Martins Ferry, OH 43935

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a senior and I can not find a job. I am on the Senior Employment Program - CAC in Belmont County. I work 20 Hrs a week. I have C.O.P.D. and I am on Proventil HFA INH for my breathing. I also take Nexium Trp, Lipitor, Zyrtec Tab, Rhinocort Nasal Spray. I can not afford my medicine. I would have to go without my medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary F. Canter

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

Date: 5-12-05

From: Dorothy Wood
And Jerry Wood
RD2 Box 188A (304) 845-2947
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Dorothy Wood Absolutely need my Blood pressure, thyroid medication etc... I Cant Afford to buy my medicine I am Asking Please Do Not Do Away with Health Rite Pharmacy I really need these medicine's I Am working and taking care of my handicapped Brother In law who was born with cerebral palsy I have No Insurance and Desperately need my meds My Husband Jerry Wood also cant Afford his Medication's he has had a Heart catherization and is on Heart medicine, Blood pressure medicine etc.. He will not survive without his heart medicine's + he cant Afford his meds either and Has No Insurance please Do Not TAKe Anymore from the people who cant Afford things now please reconsider Doing this to the people this would be cruel and Inhumane.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Wood

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

So Many people Including ourselves need this Health Rite In-house.

Date: 8/12/08

From: Donald Logan
RR#1 BOX 329
MOUNDSVILLE WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

with the high cost of MEDS these days it makes it difficult to pay for prescriptions so with the Co-Pay program they have at WHR it makes its EASIER and affordable to get MEDICINE so please don't take that away

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald Logan

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 3/12/09

From: TILAK LOGAN
RR1 BOX 329 MOUNDSVILLE
WV, 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

THE HIGH PRICE OF MEDICINE NOW A DAYS DOESNT GO WELL WITH THE SOURCE OF MY INCOME. WE DONT HAVE THE MEANS TO AFFORD TO BUY ALL OF OUR MEDICATION HAVING FREE HEALTH CARE AND CO PAY @ PRESCRIPTIONS MAKES IT EASIER ON FOR US TO GET BY IT GIVES PEOPLE WITH LOWER INCOMES A BETTER CHANCE TO STAY HEALTHY AND GET THE PRESCRIPTIONS THAT THEY NEED AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tilak Logan

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8/12/08

From: Mark O. Pettit
Rd 3 Box 443
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without the medicines that I get from this clinic, Wheeling Health Right, I would die. I mean this literally. I have high blood pressure and without medication I would not be able to keep it under control. This would lead to my death. Please don't take this Pharmacy away!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark O Pettit

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8/12/08

From: Brenda A. Pettit
Rd #3 Box #443
Maundsville, WV
26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Being a diabetic isn't easy! It is even more difficult when medications are not available due to high costs. I need to control my blood sugar so that I can be around to see my one year old grow up! Please don't take this pharmacy away!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda A Pettit

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

August 11, 2008

Nancy F. Purtiman
206 Birch Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There are numerous reasons why I need medication from my free clinic.

1. I have recently been diagnosed with diabetes.
2. I am among the "working poor."
3. I have no health insurance or benefits.
4. Without the medication I receive from the clinic, my health issues become life-threatening.
5. I have worked since the age of 15 and have always paid my taxes.
6. My taxes help pay congress' salary and I would hope that my congressman or people in such positions would fight for my rights as a working person in the State of West Virginia.
7. This healthcare facility is vital to my health and well-being.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy F. Purtiman

Nancy F. Purtiman

Wiling to have published **YES**

Date: [illegible]

From: Edward & Cathy Deagel
400 W. Brentwood Ave
Moundsville, W.V 26041

Dear Secretary of State:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Dear Sir,

Our total income now is $1,190.00 / per Month to much for Ed to recieve the Medical Card full time. Ed's medication cost per month is OVER $1,500,00. Wheeling Health ~~Right~~ is literally Saving his life.

Up Until 2001 we were hard working, tax paying, natural born citizens, never wanting to or expecting to be slugs on society. A Massive CVA without insurance changed our life forever.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy S. Deagel

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
HC Box 96
Wheeling, WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

At the present time I am Unable to Work due to Arthritis. I also have Diabetes and High Blood Pressure. If it Were not for Wheeling Health Right I would Not be able to afford any of my Medicine. I have worked & Paid taxes for 36 years of my life; so it is truly a Blessing to be able to get help when I need it. Wheeling Health Right has been a Godsend to me. If I were unable to get my Meds here you might as well sign my death Certificate.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Hawkins

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
1100 Chaplinest Apt #2
Wheeling, WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have DVT and kidney problems and colon problems. I have ask for a medical card from Department of Human Resources and been denied. I also applied for Social Security and been denied. My blood problems consume my life and any extra money I have little income and no resources When you stop this clinic I will not be able to recieve my medicines I will get DVT's and hope and pray that one doesn't go to my heart or lungs And kill me. If not for this clinic I will slowly die And I'm sure that god will make his judgement on the people that decided to have there part in life decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

☒ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Evelyn R. Lash
324 Eagle Ct.
Wheeling, W.V. 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I only receive $760.00 a month from where I rent from - a utility allowance + Rent paid by Hud. Relatives pay the most of my electric bill. If you take this facility from us what will happen to me and other people like me? I'm not able to work at this time; need my meds! Inside places with me & other people like me. I thank God for Health Right Inc; for this Doctor, Nurses, all helps of every kind at this facility and I pray God will let you see the great need in this valley of keeping this service open for us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Ruth Lash

Praying for this matter,
God will Answer.

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 11-3-25

From: Jodi Barton

2DC - 14th St.

Lyng, WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am not employed at this time and I have medical problems and need my Meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jodi Barton

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Madelyn M Martin

RD 2 Box 157 V Taylor Ridge

Proctor WV.

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm A 60 yr. old woman. on unemployment.
I get $360.00 every 2wks. For 8 more weeks.
I pay 250.00 Rent & Currently I'm 5 months
behind on my Rent. because of Illness.
& waiting time for unemployment
I'm on 9 diffent meds.. so if you
close This Health Wright. I will Die
or be Nome Less. or may be both.
ob by The way you will have to bury
me too. because I have no insurance
or life insurace. or Family
so if you do. Close this Health Wright down.
I'm moving in with you!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Madelyn M Martin

I agree you may publish this letter

2 yrs before it can
retire

Date: [illegible]

From: Tonya Russell
And Dennis Russell Jr.

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can't Afford high cost medicine from other pharmacy's Don't have Medicine Coverage. Thanks to Health rite I can be on Medications Myself & my Husband needs. Please continue These Services Please think of The "People" who are in need and can't Afford the costs.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tonya Russell

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Amanda Rumsey
745 main st Apt#3
Wheeling, WV 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic, with other medical complications, and I am a full time student with no income. So, I don't have no insurance. I'm grateful for Wheeling Health Right clinic and pharmacy.
If it wasn't for this pharmacy & clinic I would not be able to get my health care or medication.
Also, I'm not the only person who needs this program.
I feel this program is very important.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Amanda Rumsey

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: [illegible]

From: Jonathan Postlewait
26 21st Street
McMechen WV

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Do To My Illness, it is not possible for me to maintain a job, no matter how hard I try! Therefore, ~~it is~~ I am not ~~a~~ able to pay for my medication. Without my medication I am not able to focuse on anything at all, ~~and~~ and would I be able to afford any other medication should I become sick with any other condition.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Postlewait

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Date: [illegible]

From: S. M. Manning
57 Hadduck Rd.
La Pine, OR 97739

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am waiting for my disability benefits and have been for 2 years. Without Health Right Clinic, I would not be able to continue my heart meds. or any stomach meds. These keep me alive.
Please do not stop this vital service.
Please!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
S. M. Manning

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Date: [illegible]

From: Deborah Blatt Greene
135 Springdale Ave.
Wheeling WV
26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am disabled after working my whole life as a waitress. After health care (gov. deductions) I get $498.00 per month to live on. I have not been able to get prescription coverage in WV even co-pay type. This facility has helped me stay alive. I have an infection in my foot & if not for Health Right, my foot would've had to be amputated.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Blatt Greene

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Date: [illegible]

From: Theresa Emmi

RR 1 NS 4135

Mountville, WV 26041

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I already cannot afford to even walk into a Dr's office let alone be seen by one.

Without the affordable prescriptions available at the clinic I will have considerably greater trouble seeing to my health needs. And would likely become either a public burden or a public tragedy.

I am shocked you would even consider forcing this service to become extinct. If you do so, you will be condemning literally thousands of citizens who have no other support or resource. Shame on you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Theresa Emmi

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Date: [illegible]

From: Becky Stenger
RR 1 Box 35
Moundsville, WV 26041

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no personal vehicle, and live in a remote area with no bus service. Getting to the clinics in town is already very difficult. Having access to the medicine I am prescribed at the clinic appointments at the same site is essential for me to be able to actually take the cares I need.

I beg you to continue to allow Wheeling Health Right to dispense medicines on site as they have since their establishment.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca R Stenger

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: August 12, 2008

From: Chuck Kilmer
PoBox 86
Bethany WV 26032

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic and only work a part time job with no insurance At all. And all the medicateatic I take are very expensive expecially my test strips I thank God for this clinic. They have helped me out for the last 14 years. So please dont Closes this ~~Farmacy~~ pharmacy or I could lose my life to dibetic complucations

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Chuck Kilmer

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

From: Flora Casto

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'am 63 yrs old Female working 2 part time Jobs with only 497 from SS. a month. With the cost of my medicine in the hundreds of dollars a month I could not afford to buy them. My health would suffer to the point I could not work and I would get dangeriously ill. I can't get any help with my meds, except here at Health Right. I cannot afford insurance even if I could get it through work which I am not eleigable on Part time

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Flora Casto

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Date: _____

From: Carol Lee Tyler
262 Fourth St.
New Martinsville WV 26155

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this Medication because of my Health Conditions, Heart B.P, Thyroid, My Throat has died & the Medication is Essential for My life & I can not work now that I have had a Heart Attack & Congestive Heart Failure. I don't have a Income & I am not covered by any Insurance & I cannot afford to buy it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Lee Tyler

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Date: _____

From: Karen MacKay

73 Power Avenue

Wheeling, W.V. 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would not be able to get my medicine at all. I got something wrong with my knee and my leg and knee is still real stiff, with some pain. Arthritis is in there and I take pills for that. Blood pressure is rising slightly so they have me taking blood pressure pills Have me taking crestor. If I could not go to pharmacy here and get it, then I would not get medicine at all. I just would quit taking it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen MacKay

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Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
438 Richland Ave
Wheeling, W.Va. 26003

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Being from and area with not much work available I'm lucky to work 6 months a year. With this income I can't afford insurance, and wouldn't be able to afford my prescriptions. Closing this pharmacy would put an end to my taking pills and lower my [redacted] health greatly

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Michael Tunkey

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Date: _____

From: _____

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

In 2006 I was diagnosed w/ Hypothyroid disease (grave's), without the HR pharmacy I would be unable to treat this disease which could possibly lead me to death

Yes, I am currently employed as a server but in order to obtain their insurance you must work 36 many hours, and as a server sometimes that's impossible.

I also receive other prescriptions such as birth control, nexium also a few more without Health Right's Facility we knows what could happen if I would discontinue my medications they are a great & well appreciated facility!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

[Signature]

Date: _____

From: Christy Eller
548 Woodland Knolls Apt 52
Moundsville WV 26041

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work as a Bartender and live by myself and could not afford my medicine. If would be either I would pay my bills or by my medicine. I'am very greatful for your free Clinic! I couldn't get my medicine if it wasn't for your Clinic. Thank You very much.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christy Eller

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Date: _____

From: Mildred Tapp - 2230 Chapline St 303
Wheeling, WVa. 26003

Clinic 29th St. - Clinic
place Wheeling, WVA. - Ohio County

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on 5 different meds. & have diabetes, high blood pressure & need my meds. What am I suppose to do without them. Being a diabetic I could loss a leg, my eye sight or even die. So please keep the free clinic's! People need them, & need it to be here for me, Thank you for your time. I'll be praying to God you all do the right thing.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mildred Tapp

Willing to have published X *yes* ____ *no*

Date: Aug 12, 2008

From: Robert O. West
3479 Central Ave Apt 102
Shadyside, Oh. 43947

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

The medicine is needed for the rest of my life. With out I wouldn't need to go to the doctors or to the hospital. Not given medicine to the patients who can't afford it
We help the needed overseas but let get our own, You wouldn't give a pair glases to the blin
If Businessmen & company would only do like when I first started out work would take care their own before they started breaking up unions We would be ok.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Robert O. West

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 11-12-25

From: Rebecca Shaffer

P.O. Box 292

Whitehall, Mt.

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If Doctors have this free clinic
available. We The most of
the poor. They for The last
10 yr Be cost for me To get not
have money for
Thank For Elementary Medical
Outreach Inc. I have ~~not~~
have the need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Shaffer

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9-12-08

From: Jacqueline Henderson
4167 Blue Sulphur Rd
ONA WV 25545

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Live on a limited income and can not Afford even basic health care. If it werent for Ebenezer clinic & Pharmacy I would not be able to see a doctor or get the medicines I need. Ebenezer is a Godsend and it would be a shame if it closed.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/12/08

From: Beverly Scott
8347 CO Rd 1
South Point, Ohio 45680

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no income and my parents has help me if it was not for Ebenezer Clinic help for our monthly Meds we would not be able to buy Meds due to high cost. This Clinic has been a True Blessing for me and I thank God for having a place like this to get help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beverly Scott

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Drema Donahue
Rt 2 Box 63
West Hamlin WV 25571

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Cant afford Pharmacy
I would have to stop without

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Drema Donahue

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-11-08

From: Jean Vance
274 Railroad Ave
Branchland WV 25506

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can't afford the pay for meds
& live on fixed income & can't
afford to pay

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Vance

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/12/08

From: Madonna Crisp
4135 16th St. Rd
Ntgn, WV
25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have a history of panic attacks, it has interfered with my work, my personal life, every aspect of my being is held in check by this demon I carry around with me, without Effexor I couldn't function & without Ebenezer clinic I couldn't afford what is for me a life changing med. I must take.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Madonna Crisp
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 5-12-08

From: Debbie Mende
5116 Shaw Ave
Kuna, Idaho 83523

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because there is Know way that I could be Able to pay for my medicine and then I would die. My Blood pressure pills are 40 Ki for what I make a year to pay for and pay my bill. Please don't take this away from me or anybody else.

Thank you
Debbie Mende

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Mende
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/12/2008

From: Mary Cremeans
2901 8th Ave
Hgtn WV 25703

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

without this Pharmacy, I would not be able to afford my medication. I work 40 hrs every week and have five Children to support. with every penny going towards them and household expenses I would have to do without my medication because I just couldn't afford it We really need to Keep these free Clinics going they help alot of people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Cremeans

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 05-26-05

From: PATRICIA E VARNEY
35 Pogue St.
Huntington, WV 25705

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

To start off with, without my medicine I would die! I have high blood pressure, mild diabetes, Acid reflux (it was severe!) allergies (I know it wouldn't kill me but I don't get sick with respiratory illnesses as much), migranes and Bi-Polar. My illnesses, (most are life threatening, some are not) I know that to some bi-polar is not considered medical, but I am in control on my medicines. I am on a fixed income, I cannot work and my husband only makes so much, then the fixed income. We get food stamps and that is it. No insurance is provided by the small company he works for. Also I have fibromyalgia and some arthritis so I am in pain most of the time and for that I take ultram. NOTHING I take is a narcotic! I like that fact.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patricia E Varney

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August 14, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed rules and regulations for charitable clinic pharmacies. I have been affiliated with the Milan Puskar Health Right Clinic in Morgantown since 1990. During this time, I have watched tireless efforts to provide quality services to uninsured and underinsured patients in our community.

Being a pharmacist, I have scrutinized the medication dispensing process for many years. Many individuals have collaborated to put safety systems in place, allowing patients to receive the medications they need. I have personally conducted quality reviews of this process, and I am confident that patients are being served well.

It does make sense that the clinics should become charitable clinic pharmacies under the Board of Pharmacy. My concern is that the proposed rules and regulations do not take into consideration the very unique nature of these clinics. I am deeply concerned that if these rules and regulations are instituted as currently written, many patients will go without medications. Further, I believe that many patients will have adverse health outcomes related to not having medications.

I am asking the Board of Pharmacy to pull the proposed rules and regulations and take the time to work with the WV Association of Free Clinics to focus on quality assurance issues. I am confident that taking the time to work together, both organizations can create rules that will allow patients to continue receiving the safe and high quality of care they have been and that we all desire for our patients.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail. I can be reached at (304) 282-3676 or by e-mail at mohermanL@wvuh.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Moherman, Pharm.D.

Lisa J. Moherman, Pharm.D.
157 Eastgate Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need to be able to receive medication from the clinic because I have an illness that I can't afford treatment. I do not have insurance which is why I can't afford a doctor visit and prescription fee and basic treatment. The clinic provides medication that I can't afford. This program is a blessing to people. Like me who can't afford medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

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Date: 8·11·08

From: Sherry Coleman
3124 Carter Ave
Ashland Ky 41101

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband, Raymond Coleman recieves his meds from Ebenzer clinic because his employer does not offer health Insurance. Even if they did offer it he doesn't earn enough to pay for it and pay Co-pays on the meds. He suffers from Hypertention, severe stomach problems, Water retention & pain from fibro-Myalga & neuropthy. If he isn't on his meds his health and employment are affected. He is the main support of our family and need him healthy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherry Coleman

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug. 13, 2008

From: Mary Otta
2520 Collis Ave.
Huntington, W. V. 25703

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I had been diagnosed with diabetes a few years ago. In the fall of 2004 I went to Univ. Phys. & Surgeons because I had developed a yeast infection. This happened because I had run out of my medicine & no longer seen the physician who had prescribed it. I told the at UPS that I didn't have any insurance. While I was getting my lab work done, someone told me to check out EMO, I made an appt't & have been going there ever since. I don't know where I would be if not for all the meds. I need & get from EMO. I receive my strips & 13 different meds. All I have to pay is $12.00 if I had to buy my meds at the pharmacy, it would cost me over $1000, not to mention chg for Drs of c. On my income I could not afford it. THANKS EMO

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Otta

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Barbara Lycans
834 Jefferson Ave
Huntington WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without my free clinic I could not afford my medicatrom that I receive depression and migraine headaches. I ~~doo~~ do not have insurance and can not afford to get insurance. They only way I can receive my medicine is through the free clinic & without it I will do without medicine the I need on a daily basis

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Barb Lycans
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/11/08

From: Patricia Chapman
RT-H 2 Box 509
Salt Rock WV 25569

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Can't have my Free Medications and Hospital etc. if I didn't have Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc. I have Surgery. I had Cancer, etc. My Husband draw S.S. and it take all of his Money to paid Bill and to get his pills. We Poor people need Someone to help us and Ebenezer Clinicians Dr. Nurses. etc we need them very bad.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Chapman

OK to publish

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2/12/08

From: Kathy Dement
42 St Rt 378
Ches. Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There are alot of people out here that can not afford their Medicine's Because of these free clinic's we have that they can help out there. Because of these clinic's people can get their Meds for a few dollars unlike $300 or $400.00 that they would have to pay (even then they can't pay it) But these people that are fighting this in our shoes and see from them like I.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Johnny JENKINS
2753 C.R. 21
IRONTON, Ohio
45638

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM A U.S. Citizen, disabled without insurance unable to work. The Government will not approve my social security or medical card. I have to have my medication, without the clinics I could die any given time. I NEED The clinics

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Johnny Jenkins

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Lora Beaches
1043 Park Dr
Culloden WV 25510

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I could not afford my medicine without CMO. It is a hardship just getting to the clinic to pick up my meds. If something would happen to this clinic I would not be able to see a doctor or get my medicine. I am on blood pressure and cholestrol meds. Without help I would have to quit my job and draw SSI or disability

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-12-09

From: Janet M. Mulligan
1421 Grove St.
Huntington, WV (25701)

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

"Well - they don't care anymore" is what I hear from my customers for the 15 years. (I've cashiered - purposly to listen to the voice of the "meek!") I've had insurance since working (1965 - 2006.) Giving up a career - bringing a child, moving 20 times at (least) in 15 years (W.V. to California & in between) severe physical and mental abuse & dealt with it! My three children were left alone (I worked 3-12) and are all graduates of college (not spoiled - but taught respect.) Nevertheless - I make it on $10,000 to 11,000.00/ a year and clean!! Why don't "they" live with that? (Don't get any severe illness though!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janet M Mulligan

I agree you may publish this letter

i.s. We fought a huge ~~battle~~ war over the "supreme race". History sure does repeat itself!

Date: 8/13/08

From: Audrey Huddleston
2643 Piedmont Ave
Ltgn WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no income I take care of a disabled WWII father. Before coming here I had to do without my medication. This was miserable for me. I depend on this clinic for help as well as many others. I have worked most of my life & most had no insurance even then, this facility has been a God send.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Audrey Huddleston

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Nora James
91 Marti Jo DRIVE
Hgo, WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I take so much expensive medicine for my sickness, that I could not afford it in a Drug Store pharmacist. EBENEZER Medical Outreach has been there for me for 2 years and I need to stay with them at all times. The staff are friendly, patient, there willing to help should my meds change they are patient to explain to me, to take the time, they don't just rush me through, they're very affordable, they make you feel like a valued customer, I wouldn't want to be placed somewhere else and not get the respect and help as I do here.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

OR

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 08·13·08

From: Linda Cooper
R2 Bx 488
Milton WV 25541

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I had to quit working (asthma) due to many reasons. I supported myself on Savings until it RAN out. I then found Ebenezer WHEN all else failed. If it wasn't for them I could never have made it. With no health care, my health deteriated. My medacine would cost around $800. a month. When I can no longer Recieve their help, I won't be able to get my medacine. We the uninsured will not survive long with out their help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Cooper

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 13, 2008

From: Elizabeth Eslem
316 Highland St
Huntington, WV 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have an auto-immune disease and am forced to take medication in order to abate the symptoms. I am unable to work full-time right now because cannot over exert myself. Ebenezer Medical Outreach writes my medication and provides it at a nominal fee. Without their help, I could not begin to afford the expensive drugs I take. Please reconsider and do not vote to pass Bill 722.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

EV Eslem

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 2-13-08

From: Linda Myers
98 Township RD-130-A
Chesapeake OH 45619

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine From this clinic Because I can't Afford to go to any other Place if I dont get my medicine here I would have to go without So please Keep this Pharmacy there a lot of peoples need the pharmacy So please Keep Ebenezer medical outreach Thank you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Myers
I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-12-08

From: Brenda Johnson
2550 Shadowlawn Dr.
Ashland KY 41101

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If it weren't for Ebenezer Medical Outreach I would not be able to have the medical attention that I need. I have no insurance and only work as much as they need which is only about 20 hours every 2 weeks. It is also important not to me but to others who can't afford Health Care and the medication that they need. I feel that the free Clinics should'nt have to have a Pharmacist on hand, I have been here now for 6 years and as of this date I have yet to get a wrong prescription.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Ronald & Phoebe Bush
510 Grays Br. Rd
Barboursville WV 25504

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because we have no Insurance at all, and without them we could not get our medication. We are on a fixed income and cannot afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron & C-Bush

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 9-13-08

From: Linda Brumfield

4918 Sunset Drive

Huntington WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have seizures and without my medication my seizures would not be under control. Without the free clinic I would not be able to have any of my medicines. Coming to the clinic has made it easier to know that I have a place to go. I wouldn't be able to afford any of my medisation's without them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Brumfield

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: Pamela Ferguson
6982 Mud River Rd.
Barboursville, WV 25504

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine to live, And the medicine that I take, there is no way that I could. Afford to buy them, ON my own. Without the clinic I couldit see A Doctor. I take high Blood presure medicine, Pain medicine for my Stomach.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Pamela Ferguson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-08

From: [redacted]

Christe L Cuthbert

1328 17th St Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My mother gets all of her meds from Ebenezer Pharmacy. If it was not for Ebenezer Pharmacy my mother would not be able to afford her meds and would ~~probably~~ probley be dead. This is very important for alote of people who can not afford their meds. It is very impotant not to lose the Ebenezer Pharmacy. In all the years my mother has been getting her meds at Ebenezer Pharmacy there never has been any mistakes. Please dont take the Ebenezer Pharmacy away from the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christe L Cuthbert

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-08

From: Angela Steele
3646 Addaline Rd.
Huntington WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a siggle woman living in one of the poorest State in US. To find work that pay more than $5.35 hr. is hard even with my Eductian. To find a job that has a good ins. is even harder to find [redacted] and Even harder than that being able to afford ins. I never get to work 40. aweek so that bump ins for me & when it is offer you add up $5.35 30 hrs or less aweek. You tell [redacted] me why I need this clinic. I been sick & I am 28yrs and this was the only Health Care that would help me not Even [redacted] Hospitels could do what this place has done for me

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: Aric Slater

5587 Davis Ck Rd Lot 5

Barboursville WV 25504

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic who is currently unemployed. I'm also a care provider for my disabled younger brother. I don't know what I would do if the Ebenezer Pharmacy was to be shut down. They have helped me alot in the past two years, as well as many others. I take Nexium, glucophage, Lisinopril, and Xalatan for glaucoma. I'm positive I couldn't afford these medications if it wasn't for the caring employees at the Ebenezer ~~Pharmacy~~ Free Clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Aric Slater

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/7/08

From: Taunya Christian
Patient
126 Twp Rd. 1198
Chesapeake, OH 45619

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If this Pharmacy has been doing just fine the way it is running now. They can Barely ~~afford~~ afford to pay the employees. I personaly don't know what I would have done this past year if the clinic wasn't here. Please do not make any changes alot of people will suffer

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Taunya Christian

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-7-2008

From: Belinda Jenkins
Rt. 3 - Box 240
Milton WV 25541

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work two Jobs and still can not afford Insurance, if the clinic wasen't here. I would not be able to get my Meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Belinda C Jenkins

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-12-08

From: Mr & Mrs
Robert & Earline Gibson
R+ 1- Box 375
Lesage, WV 25537

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because We have NO Ins. because we are below the poverty line because we are raising 3 grandchildren who depend on us for a loving caring Stable Lives. if we can't afford to go to a free clinic and get our meds that We need Such as our blood pressure meds. how do you expect us to be around to provide for our grandchildren. Please don't make don't make this law go into effect we can't afford to pay higher prices for our meds and still be able to provide for our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs Robert & Earline Gibson

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-12-08

From: Marsha Rice
407 A Peyton St.
Barboursville, WV 25504

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from my Clinic because I have no insurance, I have a lot of health issues and if I didn't have the clinic to go to for help. I would probably die. My husband is disabled and not able to work. so I have nowhere else to turn. So please do not take this away from people who need this help.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marsha Rice

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/13/08

From: Christopher Burrell
Rt 1 Box 1151
Wayne WV 25570

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I really need the services provided by the free clinic, without it I would not be able to take medication that I need on a daily basis. This clinic is needed for alot of people. Myself I can not buy all the medicine I take.

Thank you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Burrell

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-13-08

From: ~~Sandra Chapman~~
Sandra Chapman
Rt. 2. Box. 215
Can. WV 25704

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I can not afford to pay for my medicine any other way. If it wasn't for the free clinic I wouldn't be getting to take medicine at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

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I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8/13/08

From: James Flynn
714 - 11th Ave.
Huntington WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have low income and without this service I may not be able to afford my medicine. I take risperdall for stresses in my life and without it I would not function properly.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James D Flynn

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 3/13/08

From Charlene Burrell
Rr 1 Box 1451
Ward, WV 25570

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am not able to pay for all the medicine I have to take. Without this free clinic I would not be able to get my medicine. I am very thankfull for the people that work these clinics & for the help they provide to us all. Myself and alot of others would die without these medicines, so please dont take that away. Myself, & alot of others can not pay for expensive medications we take daily. I need this help I am able to recieve because of this service.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charlene Burrell

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 7/.2/14

From: Joan Rowe

218 · 10th St.

Huntington WV 25705

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If you close this Place I Couldnt get My Meds I have high Blood Pressure and have depression and Couldnt get My Mamaw gram and have times I have Chest Pain I guess I would be in Awful Shape I thank god for this Place and the people that work here I Love Me Here. And No Way To get My Meds.

Thank You

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan C Rowe

I agree you may publish this letter

Thursday, August 14, 2008

Re: Ebenezer's Proposed Pharmacist

To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to offer the following on the subject of forcing Ebenezer to get a full time Pharmacist that it cannot afford.

It's my understanding that Ebenezer is being forced to get a full pharmacist at a yearly cost of $90,000/year which is more than they can afford and will cause them to have to shut down. This, in my opinion, will cause a great loss to the area community and should be viewed as **Totally Unacceptable**.

My wife has used Ebenezer's services for nearly 5 yrs now and without them she would have had to do without the medical care she gets there.

The personnel should be rated up there with the best as the service and care I have received from them is excellent. Again, without their professional services (which I might add are excellent now without a full time pharmacist causes me to say, "*If it ain't broke, don't fix it*") my wife would have surely suffered.

My hat is off to Ebenezer, their personnel, and their program, I highly extol the care and caring they so graciously have offered my wife.

James R. Frazier
3121 Merrill Ave
Huntington, WV 25702
304.522.6582

Date: 8/13/08

From: Sabrina Jewett
916 Eutaw Rd.
Huntington, WV 25701

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a very expensive medicine for Rheumatoiad arthritis and I really need this Free clinic. Without this clinic I would probably progress faster in disability without the medicine. I only work part-time and I truly couldn't afford the medicine without this clinic. Thank you,

Sabrina Jewett

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-08

From: Arbutis Moore
Rt2 Box 1650-B
Wayne WV 25570

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am not able to pay for health insurance. My Husband is Disabled cant work. I would have to do without My Blood Pressure Med- This Clinic has saved my life. Please help this Clinic Not harm it. They are doing Great things for us. I cant Make without it.

Thank You

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Arbutis Moore

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-14-2008

From: James T. Shain

703 12th St

Kenova, WV 25530

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been diagnosed with diabetis, hypertension, arthritis and sinusitis. I am currently approaching 60 year old in December and I have ~~not~~ no income until I receive my Social Security at 62. I need this medication in order to survive. Please help our free clinic continue to dispense these very needed service for myself and other who are under the same circumstances

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James T. Shain

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 7 2008

From: Retha Fraizer
3121 Merrill Ave
Huntington WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband cannot work and I make less than $20,000 yr if I could not receive my medication for high blood pressure and hormone supplement, and arthritis medication I would not be able to have this medication, because we could not buy groceries, pay utilities and maintain our home. In a place where so many people are living under the Poverty level how can anyone sleep at night if they take this service away from the residents of this State

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Retha Fraizer

I agree you may publish this letter

Date: Aug 8, 2008

From: Shirley Wilson
75 Marie Jo Dr
Huntington, WV 25702

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

First, let me say that I believe all Americans should be entitled to free health care.

It took me a long time to get into Ebenezer Clinic and I am very thankful for the Doctors and pharmacists who devote their time and expertise to help people like me.

I'm 62 years old, have had a heart attack, have diabetes, and receive a Widow's check. I need this service Please don't let this law pass.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley Wilson

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

Date: 8-6-25

Colin Adams

From: Tenda Adams

Rt. 1 Box 336

Bluefield W. Va. 24701

549-5550

This is a touching note from one of our patients

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this Medicine because ~~Be~~ I don't have any insurance and my husband can't afford to ~~get~~ with me. We have had a heart attack and not able to work. This is the only way I can live is to get this medicine free. Hope we can get it from you. Please help the poor and God will bless you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tenda Adams

Colin Adams

☑ I agree you may publish this letter

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-dec-08

From: Debbie West and Mark Snodgrass

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I cannot afford any other way of getting medicine for any thing, let alone the diseases for life threatning illnesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie West
Mark Snodgrass

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From:
Debbie Campbell

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine because I'm diabetic, have high Blood Pressure & Sugar. I work hard but I don't have health insurance to pay for my medical. I don't earn enough to pay for health insurance. I would greatly appreciate them keeping this Clinic at Health Rite open for myself + Others that really need this service.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Campbell

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date:_____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From:_____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date:_____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From:_____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Willing to have published ____yes ____no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8 / 26 / 08

From: Karen Beagle
618 Wood St.
New Martinsville WV
26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine if I don't get my medicine I will not take any of medicine can't afford it. Because I can't afford any my medicine, I will die my blood pressure is up. And I every depressed on my Dad side of the family is depressed. My blood pressure is run on family side. My costerall is up. So if I don't get medicine there is know way I can pay for medicine we live low income.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Beagle

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

DEAR BOARD OF PHARMACY

WHY I NEED MEDICINE FROM MY FREE CLINIC
I don't have insurance and it's cheeper to get my meds here that I need for my heart. This is a lot cheeper than other pharmacy around.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING THIS MATTER

SINCERELY Janet A Darnell

Willing to have this published? (Yes or no)

Date: _____

From: John E Vickerson
1505 Park St.
Wheeling W.V. 26003

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

-) don't make enought money to buy medicine. I would have to Do with out. Please have a heart and help the people who need meds.

"Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter."

Sincerely,

John McClerson

Willing to have published yes no

Date: Aug 22, 2008

From: Doris Haught
HC60 Box 85
Reader WV 26167

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am very low income
I have diabetes very bad and
on 4 different ~~Rx~~ scripts. I could not
afford one of them I have high
blood pressure and I heard. I really don't
know ~~not~~ what I would do without
it. I live alone I have Gas Bill
Elec Bill Telephone Bill Car insurance
Gas for Car and food I come just under
and not. I take Aspirin, Actos, Zyrec,
Januvia, Norvasc, HCTZ, Lorazyl,
Glucophage, Hydrocide and when I get all more

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Doris Haught

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Joyce A. Stevens
Rt-1, Box-579
Middlebourne, WV
26149

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need all my medicines because I am for one - disabled and am unable to work anymore. I have very little money coming in once a month, I need the lower prescription price because I also have no insurance of any kind to pay for it. I need my medicines also because of my right leg has a flattened cyatic nerve in it and gets very painful at times.
Also if it was not for Health-Rite a lot of people would just plain right have to go without their medicines

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce A. Stevens

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8/25/8

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: OLIVIA B. SPURLOCK
322 DARR ST
NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV 26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR PRESCRIPTIONS, I HAVE NO INSURANCE I CAN BARELY PAY FOR GAS TO GO TO APPOINTMENTS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Olivia Spurlock

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8/20/08

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Donna J W. Willoughby
HC60 Box 169
Pine Grove WV 26419

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am fifty four years old I work at a small Diner for $ below Minimum wages + tips some people wont tip its hard to make a living this Health Light has been a blessing to me or other wise I can't get medicen for me

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna J. Willoughby

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date _____

FROM _____

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AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I think if you did not have the
Clinics some people would not be
able to get Medicine Because of
Low income so I would appreciate
that you take this in consideration
just look how much Medicine
people take if not for wheeling
Wealth Right I would not be able
to Get Medicine at all.
Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes
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Sincerely,

James E Wright
8-20-08

Date: _____

From: Shirley Bolster

RT 2 Box 332

New Martinsville, WV 26155

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I HAVE NO INSURANCE & CAN NOT AFFORD TO PAY REG. PRICE

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Shirley Bolster

Date

From

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AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I lost my insurance when I got my Disability, and that's just enough to live on without buying all medication for me & my wife

By & now I'm on
Cardura 4-40
Hyzaar-cyap 7.5-500
Nitro Quick
Atenenol 25 mil
Baby Aspirin
Lanexa 30 mg.
Isosorbide Mono 30 mg.

That's why we need this program

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ~ ✓ yes
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Sincerely,
Richard L. Dawson

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AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the medicine but can't afford to get it from the pharmacy
Sometimes I need to see a doctor but have no insurance

Verapamil	240 mg	1 daily
Atenolol	25 mg	"
Nexium	40mg	"
Nexapro	10mg	"
Potassium	10 mg	"
Lasix	20 mg	"
Lipitor	40 mg	"
Flexeril	750 mg	As needed
Albuterol Inh.	2-4 daily	"
Albuterol Sol	2-4 daily	"

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
_____ no

Sincerely,

Vicki L. Dawson

Date _____

From [illegible]

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I think it is crazy to even think of closing these clinics down. If you want to cut cost why don't you cut your salaries or would it be too much not to live high on the hog! I can not afford to pay $200 a month for my perscription. I am a single working mother of 2 with a worthless father who won't pay his child support and the DHHR is worthless. If you close these clinics down you can carry it on your shoulders when I go off the deep end. Grow up & stop being so greedy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Lisa R Anderson

Name _____

Street _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am not Low Medicine
Living free Clinic
Because I have to take
medicine every day and
on a fixed income. I
can not afford it any
other way. Also there is
a need for this in West
Virginia Because people
can't afford medicine any
other way.
I am not getting another card

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ___ yes
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Sincerely,

[illegible]

Date Aug 22 08

From Patrick Gilkerson

HC 60 Box 274 Reader WV

26167

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm off work - Back IN. last sept I lost my Job I not able to work & have no way to by my med.

I've always payed my bills but I have no way as of now

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Patrick Gilkerson

Date _____

From _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have insurance and I work a low income job. The price of medicine and doctors is too high for most people to afford

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Steve Cuttler

Date _____

From _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I don't get it through Healthsight I will Die)

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Date _____

From _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I CAN'T AFFORD IT OTHERWISE

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish X yes
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Sincerely,

Anna Schoenbeck

Anna Schoenbeck

Date _____

From _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work for Rem. I live paycheck to paycheck. (barely) I cannot afford to pay for medicine. Lupus Rem is habit I went to a doctor in 15 yrs. I cannot could never afford it. I went without medicine for years when I needed it for heart + blood pressure.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Joanne Hall

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-22-08

From: Christopher L Moore
28 Rose ST Lot 33 South
New Martinsville

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Christopher Moore Do Not Have
Money To Have Reg. DR. OR To
Buy My Med's

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Moore

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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DEAR BOARD OF PHARMACY
WHY I NEED MEDICINE FROM MY FREE CLINIC

BECAUSE I HAVE A HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, AND ATHRITIS. LOW INCOME THIS IS THE ONLY HEALTH WE HAVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING THIS MATTER

SINCERELY

Date: Aug 4th, 2008

From: Lydia Rocchio

67036 Willow Grove Rd, Apt #3

St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

In 1994, I had a complete breakdown with uncontrolled crying and major depression. Since then, I have had to be on Antidepresents in order to "function" in the world. Last summer, I had to quit a job I had held for several years due to the fact that I could not handle the stress anymore. Since then, I have only been able to find very parttime work. Currently, I am only getting 15 hours per week and looking for more work but not able to find any. I am 58 years old, live by myself with rent of $400 per month which I cannot pay on time. If I do not have this help getting my medicines, I will not be able to buy them, will not be able to function or hold down any job. My current medicines are Effexor, Wellbutrin, Prilosec, Atenolol and Allegra.

I have worked for 41 years and never asked for any help until this past spring. Please take all this into consideration in making your decision.

This situation could be your Mother or another relative except by the Grace of God.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lydia M. Rocchio

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: _____

From: _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am in my 50's and I have been
for 37 years have 25-35 more in need
I have no health ins. medicare, and
cannot afford to pay these big costs.
I need health care and would be
forced to go without if not filled
here.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes
__x__no

Sincerely,

Patricia Nelson

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AUG 26 2008

WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I think these kind of places are good because people don't make much money and don't get offerd insurance. with out this place people would die.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes ✓ no

Sincerely,

Verna Dow

To: _____

From: _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We need A place like this because
we can not Afford Insurance and
It has helped me and others like
Me. We work but we don't get
what other people get like Insurance
So we Appreciate these Kinds of
Places and so do Alot of others.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ____yes
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Sincerely,

Sincerely Adams

Date _____

Email _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I suffer from a heart murmur, heart valve leaking, dizziness, chronic anemia, thyroid problems, heart problems. My medication costs over a $100 per month. Without the free clinic pharmacy I would not be able to get my medication. If I don't have my medication, I would not survive for very long. For me, most of my medication means the difference between life & death.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Mark D. Kuhn

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have a severe, debilitating pain disorder as well as several other conditions. My medicine is CRITICAL to me and I need to get it at HealthRight. I am disabled; my son, age 39, lives with me & is also disabled. Our income is $7-800.00 per month & I have no gas money almost all the time; I can't pay for my meds, nor can I run all over to get it. I don't know what I would do without

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish X yes
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Sincerely,

[redacted]

@ Healthright and its pharmacy

Date: August 2008

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Nancy F Lusher
301 Rain Orchard
Sistersville, WV 26175

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Hello!

I work at a min wage job. My parents need my help. By the time I pay the gas and electric Bills, Buy food and fill the car with gas. I have no money left for my Dr. Bills. Without the help of Health Right and my medicine I would not be able to get medicine.

Thank you!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy F Lusher

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: _____

From: [illegible]

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm a single women with low income and have alot of health & physical problems, and could not afford my medicines. In today's world people are not afford medicines, and if our tax money can go and help other countries needs, I think our country should take care of our people.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

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AUG 2 6 2008

WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 7-20-08

From: Doris Trader

114 N 5th Ave.

Paden City, WV 26159

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Cannot Afford to pay for my medicine. If I had to go to a Pharmacy to get it, instead of my free clinic. I would have to do without my medicine. Because I would need to use my money for food and to pay my bills. I think the free clinic is doing a great service for me and for the other people who need to go there.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Doris Trader

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

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AUG 26 2023
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Date: [illegible]

From: Thomas E. Trader Sr.
124 N 5th Ave.
Paden City, WV. 26159

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have had 2 Heartattacks and I do not have health Insurance because I cannot afford it. I cannot afford the medicine. If I had to pay for it, I would not take it. These clinics help alot of people that cannot afford the medicine. Pharmaceutical Companies charge way to much for medicine and take advantage of the people that have to use it. We need these clinic Pharmacies.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Thomas E. Trader Sr.

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

To: _____

From: _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work and can't afford the insurance at my work place. If it weren't for Wheeling Health Right I couldn't afford my medicine and my Dr. visits. I am also raising three kids and I want to live long enough to be in their lives for a long time.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ___L___ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Martha J. Forrester

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Date: _____

From: _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am Diabetic and I will Die with out my medication Do not have the money to go any where els thanks to Health Right I can Live a little Longer may a lot longer

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Kirby

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Date: _____

From: _____

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have Asma and if I did not have Health Right I would not be able to get my med's if I did not have my med and I had an Asma attac I would Probably Die so I need Health Right Please dont take my Life by Taking Health Right away

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Willing to have published ___yes ___no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Gerald G Brown
1100 Clarksburg Pke
Bridgeport WV 26330

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been admitted to Hospital five times
I have COPD I do not have insurance, my
meds cost so much I could not get the
I probably would Die without them

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gerald G Brown

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-12-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Edward Bassett
HC60 Box 302
Pine Grove WVa
26419

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and do not make enough money to cover the cost of my medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward Bassett

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

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Date: [illegible]

From: Judith Ealy
HC 79 Box 16F
Jacksonburg WV
26377

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Are you nuts? You don't want us to get free Meds, because your loosing Money. Well I Thank God for free clinics. If I did'nt have this Pharmacy I would'nt be able to buy my med. Please reconsider.

Don't take our free Meds away. We need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judith Ealy

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

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AUG 26 2008
WV BUARD OF PHARMACY

From: [illegible]
P.O. Box 507
Middlebourne, WV 26149

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on many different kinds of medicine and they are very costly I also don't get anyhelp from DHHR I don't have any means of any other way to get my medicine. Without a lot of these meds it is putting my health at Risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Maggie Dunlap

willing to have published ____yes ____no

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,

Date _____

From _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We both have jobs but don't make near enough to cover the medical Costs. We both require frequent check ups & need medicine on a daily basis to function. If we can't get our ~~prescription~~ Cost medicine ~~each~~ I'm not sure ill be able to buy it every time I need it or my Husband either. It's not fair needing a small amount of help is gonna be taken away. Some people really truely need the help. & With the crappy economy we have & rising prices on Everything it's just one more thing to put the nails in our Coffin's.

Doing away with this program is just not an option we can afford & I'm sure thousands of people will agree.

I've got Hypothyroidism & Hypertension & my →

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish X yes
_____ no

Sincerely,

Brandi Hedrick
My Clinic

Date: _____

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: [redacted]

P.O. Box 273

New Martinsville, WV 26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I don't have any other kind of Insurance and any other way of Transportation out of N. M. W. V.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date: _____

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From: [illegible]

HC60 Box62

Pine Grove, WV 26419

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We really need this W.V.R. If you take this away. There will be a lot of people ~~dying~~ hurting because of your stupidity. We really, truly need this very much

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

Willing to have published ___ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

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AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Martha J. Keller
HC69 Box 32B
Middlebourne, WV 26149

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have heart problems (AF, B) also diabetes. There is no way I can afford ~~to~~ to pay for all 12 meds I get. Please understand I need this clinic for without it my future is dim.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Martha J. Keller

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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Rt 79 Box 42-A
[illegible] 26377

Dear Board of Pharmacy,

Why I need medication from my free clinic.

I need my Medication because I take 5 kinds of Pills And Have no Ins.

Thankyou,

Sincerely,
Becky Moore

Willing to have published?

yes ✓ no

Date: 8/26/08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Julie Shepherd
PO Box 112
Middlebourne, WV 26149

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Please don't close the free clinics so I can get meds that I can't afford. As well as Medical treatment. I don't make enough to have Med. insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Shepherd

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Brenda Kiernan
382 Virginia St.
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm widowed on a small amt. Monthly Income. This help is my only help for my med's. Please try not to do this! With all the power Because I'm only One of many people whom need this help

Truely Yours
Ms. Brenda Kiernan

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: [illegible]

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Linda Fritts
P.O. Box 395
Middlebourne, WV 26149

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I could not a pay for my Medicines because I have no job, and I couldn't get my Medicines any other way. So please leave this open

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Willing to have published ____*yes* ____*no*

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Date: 8-22-08

From: Bessie L Matthews
R 2 Box 155
Middlebourne, WV 26149

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Im 55 years old not old enough for Medicare and can't afford Heath Ins. My husband is disabled and we are on a fix income. The only way I can get the help I need is through Health Fite if you let this bill go through we will and I will be with out the help I need. His medication alone would break us till where I couldn't buy mine He has the perscription plan through medicare. So please think again.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Bessie L Matthews

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Marlena Thomas
HC 60 Box 119
Pine Grove, WV 26419

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I dont ~~have~~ have insurance and I cant ~~can~~ pay to see a docter and cant aford to buy medicen I live on a fixed income and cant get a medical Card.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marlena Thomas

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Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]

[illegible] North St. Apt. #9

New Martinsville, WV 26155

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I HAVE NO INS. And This is The only WAY I get my MeDS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Lary L. Myers

Date 8-22-08

From Evelyn E Hupp
24 20 Box
Pottsville WV 26162

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no ~~use~~ other way to see a doctor or to get Meds, I would have to do without if it weren't for the free clinic and the kind people who work there.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,

Evelyn E Hupp

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BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date 8-22-08

From Anthony Happ
RT 25 Box
Pottsville NY 21612

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

my medicine cost money and I only work part time. I could never afford to pay full price at a drug store. without this free clinic I would have to do without my meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,
Anthony Happ

Date _____

From _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine from my free clinic, because it is very convenient. They have helped me many times in the past and I look forward to their help in the future. I have a problem like many others being able to afford medicine from other clinics. Please keep the clinic open Please!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,

Elsie Tabb

Date _____

From _____

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AUG 2 6 2008
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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a diabetic and take several meds most of the meds are expensive My husband also has heart problems he takes meds for diabetes & heart problems he has some help thru medicare I am not old enough Foods that we need are expensive I do work, But with higher gas prices & food prices its hard to make ends meet

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Virginia Underwood

Date _____

From _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because if there was no Medicine from
Free Clinic I could not afford to
take it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Linda Owens

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: Aug 20 - 08

From: Jacqueline Hemasters
116 N 2nd Ave
Paden City WV 26159

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 55yrs old, have no health ins. cannot afford health ins. Have worked all my life, if it wasn't for Wheeling Health Right I would not be able to afford my medicine. My Husband worked for Ormet for 37yrs, we had Health ins. until they shut the doors and he lost his job and everything. He is too young to retire and too old to start over. We really need this, please do not take this from us, we have so little now!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Hemasters

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: Aug 20-08

From: Danny Lemasters
116 N. 2nd Ave
Parkersburg, WV 26159

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Worked for 37yrs for Ormet until they shut the doors and I lost my job, with two girls in college and no job, I can not afford to pay 700.00 a month, from my 1,400.00 a month, income for health ins. I need Wheeling Health Rite, without them I would have to do-without my medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Danny Lemasters

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To: [illegible]

From: [illegible]

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my asthma medicine to help me breathe - I cannot afford to go to the Doctors everytime I have something wrong. I also cannot afford any prescriptions. The people here at Health Right are fantastic people. I know I can always depend on them when I need to. They know exactly whats wrong with me and know what medication I need. I wouldnt know how to live without this place

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Leonie Martin

Date _____

From _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

To whom it concerns Heath Rights
Helf me get med's with out This
Program i could't afford All My Med's
Thinks For The Health Right Program
now i can Sada not want Heath Right
To close This' Program Helps me
and with out This Program I would
be at High Risk with out Med's
So Pleas Keep This Program Going
Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Brian Burnley Sr

Date _____

From _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

People in the community need free clinics. I know for myself it has helped me out alot. Because this would be my only way to get my meds. For what my income I couldn't afford my meds. These free clinics help the hardworking people don't have insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,

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Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]

[illegible]

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband is retired & I am partially disabled. Our income doesn't allow for medicine at regular prices. My health is such that I am dependant on maintainance prescriptions. We would loose our home & everything if forced to pay the higher prices. With the price of gas as high as it is, to drive to Wheeling would be a financial disaster also.

Please allow us (low income) the option of healthcare & our scripts. Without healthright's gracious help, my family would be lost.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Jack J. Kidder

Date _____

Name _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM DISABLED AND I HAVE NO INSURANCE
AND I HAVE SEVERAL MEDICAL PROBLEMS
I AM A PATIENT OF WHEELING HEALTH RIT

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ___yes
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Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

TO be able to feed + clothe My Children, But/ the Meds. at the prices at a reg pharmacy, Would Be outrageous Having ~~to~~ Wheelging Health Right Has Been a Good Suit to me + My Children, Being a Single parent my Main Focus Should Be on My Children, But to Do that I Have to Be Healthy/ as Well.

Thank You

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Melanie B Batt

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Dear Board Members of Pharmacy,

Why I need medicine from my free clinic ---

Without this Clinic I wouldn't have health Care.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ___ yes ___ no

Sincerely,

Jamie Higley

Date _____

From _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Our medicine entheart this help comes be Bought ; without this service most people on this program would simply Die. not being able to afford medicalin or Doctor visits -

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Brenda R Lupton

Date _____

From _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Be without this help we would not Be able to take our medicen

this service is a life Saver for me and my wife.

Our Income is very limited we would simply not be able to pay for our medicen

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Stephen E Sutton

To: _____

From: _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I just don't make enough money on my SS check each month to pay for my med each month. So my name is on my Country's med to keep the keys the free clinic open. Because that is all I make but there aren't enough money to live on and pay for my med each month.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,

Naomi R. Masters

Date _____

From _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Please don't shut down our Free clinic. My husband is disabled and we have no insurance. The clinic really helps out with my medications and my health problems

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish _____yes _____no

Sincerely,

Helen Kay Camp

Date: _____

From: _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If not for this clinic me or my wife would not have any means at all of receiving the medicines that we need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Terry Adams

Date: [illegible]

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Diana Taylor
133 Miller Street
Paden City WV 26159

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need the medicine at this clinic because I'm diabetic and I need this medicine in order to live and keep my suger levels maintained at a certain level. I can't afford these on my own. I'm a single, widowed woman who barely has enough money at the end of the week to pay my bills. When I didn't have Health Right medicine I had to go without all my medicines for several months and in return I became very ill. If I didn't have this free clinic I simply just would have to go without medicine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Taylor

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because there is no way I could pay We are on a limited income both of us is retired.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Patricia J Salmon

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AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy,
Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If not for the Clinic I would not be able to take some of my Med. or get the Health Care I need.

a lot of People would not ~~either~~ Be able to.

Thank you for your time and Consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish — yes — no

sincerely,
Sherry Henry

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

DEAR BOARD OF PHARMACY

WHY I NEED MEDICINE From MY FREE CLINIC

I Can't Pay For all the Medicine Im on. I Cant Work
I have a Small amt of Money to eat on I would have
to Pick between food or Medicine

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION
REGARDING THIS MATTER

SINCERELY
Rusty Thomas

WILLING TO PUBLISH
YES X
NO ____

To: [illegible]

From: [illegible]

52 Rue de Fer Blvd

[illegible]

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without a having no insurance, its hard to make ends meet I dont afford to pay full price for my meds.

Thanks

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes _____ no

Sincerely,

Donna L Rush

P.O.B. _____

Mt. Gilead, _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have a free [illegible] and I have to go to the Drugs Mart

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish X yes
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Sincerely,

Joseph R Lewis

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Complete [illegible] My [illegible]
is a Blessing for me [illegible]
Get to the point I am for the Doctor and
Get Medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ___yes
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Sincerely,

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

At this point I am unemployed and looking for a job. I have no income or insurance and depend heavily on the medication & care I receive at the clinic. There actually should be more free clinics, not less. The unemployment in this area is at high level with all the plants shutting down or lay offs/strikes.

It is imparitive that the clinic remain open and actually we could use it more than once a week to service the customers/patients.

I know it has been a blessing for me, because without the medication & no other way to get it, I am still alive, at least at this time. I have dishetes, liver & Kidney problems where they are becoming inactive.

At least the meds & careful monitoring by the nursing staff & Dr's have helped me tremendously.

Please do not close our only source of possible medical care. Without the clinic a great number of adults and children would have no other source of medical attention or access to their meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

Katherine Ebaugh

Date

From

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AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am on disability SSI - have no way to
Afford medical coverage, WITHOUT these
clinics many like myself would be
without care and be a drain on
general services at local hospitals and
emergency wards

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. Willing to Publish ✓ yes
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Sincerely,

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DEAR Board of Pharmacy!

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because with only one income in a family of four. I cannot afford anything else. and I am not elible for a medical card. Because I have a job.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Michele McLaughlin

willing to have published?

YES — NO

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

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[redacted]

Dear Board of Pharmacy;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Can't Afford it myself And it helps Alot of other people that can't afford It I think it is A wonderful place. please keep it open.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Barbara L Haught

willing to have published? YES

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

please Keep the clinic open this is A big help to All THAT Try to work and do the right Things. This has been a big help To me

THANK you
Lorie Krueger

thank you
sincerely,
Lorie Krueger

Willing to have published?
(Yes or no)

DEAR BOARD OF PHARMACY

WHY I NEED MEDICINE FROM MY FREE CLINIC

Not my Medical problems blame
not my friends. No Dishonesty.
Its the truth

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION
REGARDING THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

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Jaime Hubbard
312 Clay ST. Apt 2
Sistersville WV

Dear Board of Pharmacy:
Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have seizures and with out my medicine, which I can't afford I would not Be able To get on my Wax

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jaime Hubbard

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Jerry
Stoneking

717 MAPLE LANE
SISTERSVILLE, WV 26175

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Low income
only SS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Stoneking

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

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[redacted]
[redacted]
New Martinsville WV 26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy!

Why I need medicine from my free clinic?

One Reson not everyone can afford Insurace without Insurance it Cost to Much Im a Type I Diabetic I need Two Type of Insuline I HAV 4 By Passes and I Need Blood pressure meds Hart meds with out This I would Die Bottom Line I Dont Have The Money To Buye every THing HEALTH Right Helped with my Surgery on my Hart with out This There would Be ALot more sick people

Thank you

Sincerely,
[redacted]

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Date: 8/20/08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Harry S Russell Jr
67334 Adams Ave
Bridgeport OH. 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There are lot's of needy peopple in our area that need Healt Right help. We would not knowe what to do. Thank God for the helth right. We cant do with help of the place.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Harry S Russell Jr

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

Date: 8/22/08

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Daniel Lee Greathouse

10½ Ash Ave.

Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because without a family, I have no support in getting the things that I need when it comes to medical needs

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Greathouse

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Date: 8-20-08

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From: David Ruttencutter
518 S. 3rd St. Apt. 312
Martins Ferry, OH

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I NEED medicine, Because I HAVE NO money And with out this Place I'd Go nuts.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
David Ruttencutter

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Carol Thomas
PO Box 124
Triadelphia WVa
26059

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I can't afford to pay full price for my meds. And they are always here to help when I need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Thomas

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: Aug 20, 08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Julia Fletcher
301 Wheeling Ave
Glen Dale WV 26038

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a young girl w/ no health insurance. I work full-time as a server and am trying to put myself threw school and cant afford health insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Julia Fletcher

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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Date: [illegible]

From: Robin Price
55211 Wagner Rd
Shadyside Oh. 43947

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

So help my heart & blood pressure. I dont have the money to pay for the high cost. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Price

Willing to have published ___ yes ___ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-20-08

From: Ida Blake
107 Roosevelt Ave
Benwood WVa 26031

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine from free clinic because I can't afford to buy it. My medicine is very important to me. If it were not for the free clinic I would be very sick. I feel very fortunate to have a free clinic that I can come to. They have help me in so many ~~many~~ ways with my medicine. If I can't get my medicine here. I would be without medicine and be in hospital I pray I can continue to receive my medicine so I can stay healthy and have a normal life

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Ida Blake

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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Date _____

From: Melody Bradley
RD 1 Box 198
Glen Easton W. VA
26039

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a working person that can not afford medical coverage & can not afford my medication. I depend on this medication so I can continue to work & take care of myself & family & Survive

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Melody Bradley

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: August 11, 2008

From: Colleen Berardi
3427 Franklin Street
Bellaire, O. 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I depend on the medicines from Health Right because without them I could not survive. I am disabled from injuries due to a car wreck and have great difficulty with these problems and cannot work. I receive S.S.I. but I have no insurance coverage. I barely get my bills paid and gas is so expensive that I cannot afford my medications. Between the medical problems + not enough money to live on has caused me Major Depression also. My prescriptions would cost almost $1,000.00 if I had to pay for them. I desparately need the help from free clinics to keep breathing + walking etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Colleen Berardi

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Mary M. Doty
RD 5 Box 174
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I only am able to work 26 hrs a week and I am a car sitter and get paid every two weeks. Most of my pay check goes for my bills not much left to even buy food. The cost of fuel now, it is sad to have money for Medicine because what I earn it goes for gas in my car to go to work If it wasn't for free clinic medicine I wouldn't be here. This clinic has helped so much On a diabetic, a/r/f Fib heart, high blood pressure bad back and knee cost having to walk We all need this help Please help us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Doty

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Date: Aug 19, 2008

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Roy + Michelle McGinnis
108 South Broadway St
Wheeling WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work 40 hours a week my Husband has no medical Ins and we need as much help as possible If I were to have him on my medical Ins it would cost me $206.00 Dollers for Ins which leaves me with 300.00 to pay my Bills and feed my Kids so do not get rid of the clinics for the working person

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle + Roy McGinnis

Willing to have published X yes ____ no

Date: 8-19-08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Sharon Ludolph
200 Eagle Ct. Apt. 263
Wheeling, W. Va. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I live on a limited income. Without this pharmacy I couldn't afford my medicaines. It's convient to a lot of the pt. whom come here for medical care. Not everyone has a car or able to find rides to ~~other~~ other places. It is important that we have our free pharmacy to be available so that we are able to get our meds. Please do not turn a deaf ear to our needs. We need our on site pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ludolph

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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Date: August 19, 08

From: Calvin Jeffreys
3125 Spruce St
Bellaire OH 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If we had money for medicines then we would have money for a paid Doctor. The average patient that comes to Health Right has enough problems on their plate without this being added to it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Calvin Jeffreys

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: Aug 19, 08

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Wanda K. Moore
43½ Linden Ave
Moundsville WV,
26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine for my Diabetes and I don't have enough money to pay for it. without the Health rite Pharmacy I would Be dead. Now they saved my life Be giving me my Medicine, and teaching me what to do to take care of myself.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Wanda K Moore

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

417 Beech St.
New Martinsville, WV 26155

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DEAR BOARD OF PHARMACY

WHY I NEED MEDICINE FROM MY FREE CLINIC:

with our low income we can't afford our medicine!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN REGARD THIS MATTER

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DEAR BOARD OF PHARMACY

WHY I NEED MEDICINE FROM MY FREE CLINIC:
With our low income we can't afford
our medicine.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION
REGARDING THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY Gene W Lite

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: [illegible]
Gerald Stewart
1293 Cow House Rd.
Sisterville, WV 26175

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

We have no insurance and we need ace medicine & we need to see a Dr.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Nancy Cross
Rt 1 Box 373B
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Cause I have no insurant
& it helps me with my
Meds & Dr. too

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cross

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

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AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-21-08

From: Michael L Cooper
2736 Tyler Hwy
Sistersville, WV 26175

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have No Insurance, and am unable to Afford the Medications needed, Also this Medication is needed for My Health & well being.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Lee Cooper

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-20-08

From: Frances Calhoun
HC 68 Box 26
Lithelon, WV 26581

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I Dont Have insurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Frances Calhoun

Willing to have published ___*yes* ___*no*

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Date: [illegible]

From: Miranda
Feeder
237 Wood St.
Sistersville, WV 26175

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need my medicine. So that I can actually eat [redacted] without getting sick. Also I don't have any income. This is only place that I can get my medicine that is affordable.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Miranda Feeder

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: AUG. 21, 2008

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Wilma E. Yoho

Rt 5 Box 18-A

Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Its because that Clinic is the best thing there could be. They are so helpfull and the people there are the greatest. They do for us as best they can. I need my medicine real bad. I get sick if I don't have it. And I sure do not have money to pay for it. There are some medicine that I need that they don't have so me just substitut for it. If you or your family got sick, had no job & hardly no money would'nt you be glad for them to get help. And if so as much help as they could get. So they could get better. And not get worse cause they had to do with out. Many thanks to you all for your time.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilma E. Yoho

Willing to have published X yes ____ no

Date: 8/21/2008

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: David L. Yoho
RD 5 Box 18-A
Mds. WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My wife is writing this for me. I don't write well. Please read it. When I get sick & get to the doctor or hosp. I'm surely real sick. I don't want to go. But so sick I need to. And if there is meds to get a limit in my hand for them to. But I have no money to pay for them, this clinic is a life saver. To just about everyone that comes here. Or maybe even everyone that does come here. I do not them stuff they have going on. But for me & my wife yes. They have been there every time. I'm glad we all have this free clinic or we'd be in deep creek. Now to turn to. I have no money to pay please let it stay. Thanks to you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

David L. Yoho

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ____ *no*

Date: 8/22/08

From: Charlotte Rowles
P.O. Box 6673
Wheeling, W.V. 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I live on a low income. With my overhead expenses, I would not be able to afford my medicine. I appreciate being able to receive my medicine from the free clinic. With the cost of food, utilities, gasoline, and etc., etc. I know it is a hardship on people on low income. I am a widow.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Rowles

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8/22/08

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Margaret and Kurt Pearson
816 Main St.
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

There is no way that we could afford Kurt's medications for his prostate cancer if we had to pay for them at the pharmacy. I suppose we could get some samples, but we can't count on that. We still have to pay for some of his medications now, and additional expenses would be impossible to pay for. I only take one prescription medication, but paying for it in addition to Kurt's would be impossible. Since these medications promote our health, how much more would it cost without them?

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Pearson

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-17-08

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From: Stacy Theresa Hunt
St. Clairsville, OH
Parents of Amanda Hunt.

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My daughter got kicked off our insurance when she was 22 even though she was still in college. If it wasn't for HealthRite I don't know how she would have made it, The medicine is all needed + costly. HealthRite is a life saver. She also had so much pain + had to have Emergency Surgery, Without HealthRite she wouldn't have been able to go to the hospital + have the surgery, HealthRite is the Best Thing that has happen to the Ohio Valley

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacy Theresa Hunt

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 2-17-08

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From: Steve Hunt
St. Clairsville-Ohio
son of Elaine Hunt

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My mother had no insurance & had health issues. We found out about Health Rite & signed her up. Just in time. They have helped with a Heart Attack & open Heart surgeries, breast cancer & throat cancer. Chemo & Radiation Therapy and all the Medications to help keep her healthy. You are truly a life saving program. To do away with the medicine would be devastating to the people of the area. So many people can't afford the high cost of the medicine that they just don't take it & the health of the patient goes downhill.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Hunt

Willing to have published ✓ yes no

Date: 8-12-08

From: Twila Fraser
Rt 2 Box 40 Spruce Addl
Philippi W.V 26416

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

If I dont get my meds here. I have no insurance and can not afford it. This is such a good program I have to work for a living, Try ~~them~~ not having blood pressure med yourself.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Twila Fraser

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-18-08

From: Jennifer Day
318 40th St.
Bellaire, OH 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medication from my free clinic b/c I can not afford regular health ins where you pay a substantial amt each month. I work about 20-25 hours each week & am trying to go back to college for my bachelors degree. After I get a substantial job I will be able to afford insurance each month. For right now, my free clinic is a great help. I would appreciate it if you would not do away with it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer B. Day

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date _____

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: KATHY Casey
#6 - 5th St.
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I went years without my meds. I just did not have the money or insurance to pay for them. I thank God every day for our local Health Right free clinic. Now I have the meds to help me live a better life. Please do not take them away from me

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ann Casey

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Date: _____

From: _____

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To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am one of the unfortunate persons, who are unable to afford health insurance & prescriptions. Of not for the help I receive from the free clinics like Health Right I am not sure what I would do. I am someone who has cardiac problems, and I need the medicine every day and for the rest of my life. I am only 44 yrs. old and my life would be cut short, if I didn't get the help that I do.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____

I agree you may publish this letter

Date 8/29/2008

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Sharon E. Green
195 Palm Dr.
Weirton WV 26062

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

In 2000, I was misdiagnosed at a local hospital and ended up nearly dying. Because I had no health insurance, it was only through the wonderful program at Wheeling Hospital and at Wheeling Heat/Right that I was able to obtain the medical care and medications that continue to this day. Most of these medications would be far too expensive would I have to purchase them through an outside pharmacy. I don't know what I would do except to discontinue taking these medications and risk the health problems that would result. Not everyone is blessed with good or affordable health insurance. Please don't take this vital service away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Sharon E Green

willing to have published ✓ yes no

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date 8-19-08

From: Kathy E. Morin
114 Edgington Lane
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a 57 year old widow with no insurance coverage. I am a hair dresser so I stand most of the day. I have degenerative arthritis, carpel tunnel in both hands, fibromyalgia, plantar faciitis and Glaroma. In the year 2000, I radiated my right foot off my leg. I was off work for nearly 7 months. Some of the hospital stay felt I would be able for disability. I still work but not at the speed or length of day I once could. I receive no other help from the State. I do "not" know how I would afford the medication with out this wonderful service

(P.S. I am also being treated for depression.)

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Kathy E Morin

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Date: [illegible]

From: _____

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_____

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Due to the fact I work part time insurance is offered but it is very expensive for a single person. If it wasnt for Wbg. Health Right I wouldnt be where I am right now. Please dont take our meds away from us, everything else has been taken away, just dont take our meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[signature]

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date 8/18/08

From: Alvin McCardle
3082 Lane H
Wtg. WV. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I am working, and getting very low wages, have no insurance the DHHR has denied me medical assistance. I had heart attack in early 2007 and there are medicines I have to take to prevent another heart attack. If it were not for the medicine I am able to get from the Wheeling Health Right Clinic I might be dead today. My job does not pay me enough to take care of cost of living plus the expense of medicine. I know that without the free clinic a lot of good working class citizen would either lose their jobs or die due to unable to afford medication + treatment.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alvin McCardle
Alvin McCardle

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Carolyn A. Barker
67892 Nursery Ave
Bridgeport, Ohio 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work full time, my job doesn't have health insurance. I need lipitor and nystatin for panic attacks. I can't afford to pay for these prescriptions. I only make min. wage.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Barker

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: Aug 2 2008

From: Mary Meleg
Rt 1 Box 323
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm working but
would be unable to pay retail
prices on my 3 medication.
Without my Meds I would
be unable to work in time.
Please do the right
thing and help us who
are the working poor.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Meleg

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: Aug 21, 2008

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Barbara Townsend
701 12th St
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Without medication from Health Right I wouldn't be able to afford it elsewhere. I'm currently not working and even when I am usually have no insurance. I fall through the cracks, and I need this place. I'm on medication for COPD, anemia, and arthritis. It costs me $10.00 monthly here and I couldn't get one filled for $10.00 anywhere else. This pharmacy is essential to the entire Valley. Who do we turn to if this pharmacy closes. Every place else has already said no to those of us who fall through the cracks.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Townsend

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-22-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Bert John Winser
RR 1 Box 90 B
Glen Easton, WV 26039

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Since I moved to W.V. my wages are not what they were in FL., The wages here are very low and benifits (healthcare, etc) are very high cost! My wife and I both work and have no extra money for any health insurance or prescriptions. My wife was recently bit by a dog and was prescribed an antibiotic by the hospital, this was on the weekend and Healthrite was not open. We did not have money to get the prescription elsewhere, so we went without, my wife soaked the bite in warm water with crushed garlic in the water and this worked ok so far. I think it would be very distressing to alot of people in our situation if you closed any of these pharmacies down. They are a blessing!!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bert John Winser

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: 8-20-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: John Meyers
5763 Moore Run Rd
Bellaire Oh 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no income

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Meyers

Willing to have published ____*yes* ____*no*

RECEIVED
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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: Aug 19 2008

From: Elaine Hurst
Po Box 6 Lafferty
Ohio 43951

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would like to express my deepest Heart felt thanks to all of those involved with my health care in the last few years. I have been without health insurance for 27 years. And just when it all went bad Healthrite was right there with everything I needed. I truly did not have any other way to do what all of you have done, because I was one of those who slipped thru the cracks. Too young for one program to old for another with an 100% handicapped daughter to care for. I Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elaine Hurst

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: 8-20-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Amanda Huml
70005 Provident-Fairpoint Rd
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

In May 2007 I had a hemorrhagic cyst bust on my ovaries and had to have emergency surgery. I was kicked off of my parents insurance in 2006 and I have a very low income due to attending Nursing School. Had it not been for Health Right I would have had to quit Nursing school to get a better job or go bankrupt. Without the surgery I would have died. If it wasn't for Health Right I would not have gotten the treatment I needed. My Grandma also has Health Right and she would also be dead if it wasn't for having Health Right for insurance. They help so many people so why would you want to take that from people in need? It is a great thing that Health Right does and it shouldn't be taken away.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Huml

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-20-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Naomi Campbell
42600 National Rd. Lot 102
Belmont, OH 43718

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband is currently not employed so we have no insurance. When he does work, we still cannot afford to get my medications or get me to a doctor because of the expense. Wheeling Health Right and their pharmacy has made it possible for me to see a doctor, get my insulins and all my pills. Without them, I would not be able to have them. And a diabetic cannot go without insulin. Until now I have had to go without and almost died.

You must keep these pharmacies available to those who are in our situations.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Naomi Campbell

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-26-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Martha Littleton
211 Garvins Lane Apt 3
Wheeling WVa 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Need to get my Meds at Wheeling Health Rights because I Can not afford to get all of my meds it would Cost me over $700.00 and I don't even Make that much. I Can't even afford Health Care, and the Welfare says I make to much Money.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Martha Littleton

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: August 20, 2008

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Joyce Kerns
1126 Baltimore St
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm not working now, and my mother gives me the money to get my medicine, I have asthma & blood pressure problems and without the free pharmacy, I'd been in the hospital. So please keep the pharmacy open for me & other patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joyce Kerns

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-18-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Janet Kostrej
Rd 5 Box 174A
Cameron, W.V. 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am an Extreamly Low income Person. My Monthly income is less than $300.00 If I didn't get my meds from the free Clinic I couldn't afford them from a regular pharmacy and would have to go without. I need my meds and the only way I can get them is thru the Clinic. Please Don't remove the pharmacy at our Clinic for the sake of myself and all others in my situation

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janet Kostrej

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-21-08

From: Joseph R. Wood
160 Garvin's Lane
Whs WVA 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have No Health Insurance and No Income Without Wheeling Health Right I would not be able to Afford all my Medicines I Need to take daily or be able to see a Doctor.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Wood

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: M. Sharon Hartt
2502 Hess Ave
Wheeling WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have diabetes, I've had a heart attack, I have high blood pressure ~~Pressure~~. I could not afod my meds with out the Clinic & its Pharmacy. Who is on the Board. Why is it we are not told the names, how much money they make. Do they all have insurance. What are you thinking?? Could it be that you feel that you will make more money if everybody (but you) have to pay full price & do not think that people like me deserve to do without because don't have money. I would like to sit down with you. look you in the eye and tell it to your face if it really is not the way you think it is.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hartt

Willing to have published ___ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2009
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Bonnie
StoneKing
717 MAPLE LANE
SISTERSVILLE, WV 26175

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a Diabetic on Two med.
" " " Lipitor
Blood Presure Med
I have no income we have SS. only
only from my husband SS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Stoneking

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2013
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-23-13

From: Judy Dare
139 Commercial St.
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no money to pay for
them w/o get $600.00 a month

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Dare

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Paul South
248 Woodland Knolls Apt. 53
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have been a diabetic since I was 12yrs old. Through the years Wheeling health right has helped me with the cost of my everyday living, by providing affordable meds. If it wasn't for the service they provide, the monthly fees of things I need to survive everyday, would infact leave me without a car and home. There would be no way possible for me to pay for them all. I could never thank the people that work here enough for all they have done for me. If I would lose the benefits that they provide, it would be safe to say that I will lose alot more, considering I have to have my ~~the~~ medicine, and if I pay for it in full I will not have a home or food or clothes, or anything for that matter

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: AUG 20, 08

From: LARRY Richards
RD #4 BOX 318
Moundsville, wv

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

BECAUSE I have no Income At This Time CANNOT Afford my medicine. Can not afford To Buy Food & Medicine NOT Either one is Rich Enough To Afford both. I Take Twelve Different Pills A day if I could not get them Through here I Right I would not be able To Take Any At All.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Richards

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date 8/22/08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: MAUREEN LARKIN
612 Hanover St
Martins Ferry, OH 43935

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

To whom it may concern,
I suffer from depression and cannot afford out of pocket costs for my medication PROZAC. This is a wonderful program we have here in Wheeling, and it has been a blessing to me to be able to qualify - we aren't poor enough for MEDICAID and not wealthy enough for medical insurance. :)
God bless!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Maureen Larkin

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 5-20-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Kathryn Amos
Crescent Rd.
St. Clairsville, Ohio
43950

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Unemployed - No Insurance

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Amos

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-20-08

From: Crystal Henry
15 Elm Ave.
Mdsw WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I take 2 different blood pressure medications, & a medication for ADD. These medicines are very costly, & the ADD medication is over $250.00 a month. I have no insurance offered to me, & cannot afford to get a policy due to my income of only $400.00 a month. I am not eligible for any other programs. Not having these medications would be drastic for my health. Getting these med's from Health Rite has been a real LIFE SAVER for me!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Crystal Henry

Willing to have published ____ *yes* ____ *no*

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: _____

From: [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I work for a non profit organization which does not have any type of coverage for health or medication so therefore without the free clinics that provide medication help there would be alot of people who would not survive without their medicine. So the people are put on medicines for a reason not just because we want to be taken medication on a daily basis

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Willing to have published ___ *yes* X *no*

Date: August 19 08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: GERALD SHUNK
67916 Johnson Ave.
Bridgeport Ohio
43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I WORK AT A LOW PAYING JOB AND CAN'T AFFORD INSURANCE. MY WIFE DID WORK AT WALMART. SHE GOT HURT 2½ YRS AGO. HER LAWYER BEEN DRAGGING HIS FEET. I THINK HE IS AFRAID OF WALMART. WITHOUT HEALTH RIGHT I COULD NOT AFFORD MY BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICINE I TAKE 3 TYPES.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Gerald Shunk

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Patty DeCarlo
411 Kruger St
Wtg WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this medicine because I can't afford to buy them price. I only have so much money to live on & if you take this service away, it would be devastating to me & all the people who need this service.

Thank you. God Bless
Patty DeCarlo

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Patty DeCarlo

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date: 8-21-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Loretta Kay Plants

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

One of meds alone is 203.00. I have to pay because my free clinic can't get it. Another is 68.00 that I can get her. I have other meds that I couldn't afford. I have asthma and I need my meds. The Board of Pharmacy needs to lower all meds by 3/4 of retail. Stop getting ~~rich~~ rich off of everyday people. Don't make us choose between meds & food or utilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Lori Plants

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

Date: 8-20-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: M.A. Sergkin
Shadyside, OH
~~(43)~~ 3902 Liberty Ave
43947

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I do not get Health Ins. where I work.
If I was eligible it is too expensive &
doesn't cover a lot. I am diabetic,
on my own & supporting my own home!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Sergkin

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ✓ *no*

Date: 8-21-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: SHEILA STRAIN
59 CRAWFORD
CAMERON, WV 26033

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I HAVENT ENOUGH FINANCES TO PAY FOR SCRIPTS.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

SHEILA STRAIN

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Rebecca Mahich
RD1 Box 367B
Moundsville WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have ten prescriptions I take Mostly for my diabetis. These are expensive and I could not afford to take even half of them and still pay my mantly bills. Without health right I would have to discontinue my medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Mahich

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-22-08

From: Joseph C. Wilson
7 Marshall St.
Benwood, WV 26031

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need medicine From HealthRite, Because I Do not make enough money To AFFord Health insurance. I have Three Kids That I am providing For, And HealthRite has Been A huge Help For me. I wouldn't Be aBle To have The meds I need To Control my DiABeTes, and Blood Pressure without HealthRite.

In Closing I am ASKing The Board To Please Reconsider Doing AWAy with This Program.

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Wilson

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-20-08

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Kenneth C. Raig
54345 Saint Joe, RD
Bellaire, Ohio. 43906

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have a seizure Disorder, And I Don't have the money, to Pay Full Price For them. And I have to take them For the rest of my Life.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenny Craig

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 7/20/08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Arthur J
Chance
72208 Flushing Ohio
43977

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Out of work
Dont have money
to pay Hi price

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Arthur J Chance

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Diana Bazar
54420 Mayo Rd. Ext
Martins Ferry Ohio
43935

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have worked hard all my life and now that I don't have insurance I can't afford doctor visits or pay for my medication. The price of medicine is way out of my budget. My husband and I both get help at the free clinic. My husband is on blood thinners for a blood disease and I suffer with arthritis in my spine, fingers + knees. Without my medicine and my husbands we would suffer tremendously financially and physically. We really need the free clinic.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Bazar

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 7-20-09

From: Jeffrey Whorton
103 Rail Road St
Glen Dale WV 26038

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WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Have No med Coverage or pres Coverage
I have had 3 stents & need my
med for Heart Condition - Colestrol

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Whorton

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

Date: 7-21-09

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Judith Wharton
103 Rail Road St
Glendale WV 26038

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My husband has NO medical Insurance
I Am on 6 dif. med for heart
Blood Pressur & Colestrol & glucoma
which I need meds for.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judith Wharton

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Judy Henry
570 Reeves Drive
Wellsburg WV 26070

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have no insurance and can not afford the medicine I have to take.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Henry

Willing to have published ___*yes* ___*no*

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Whitney Hillberry
20 Box 211
Shadyside Ohio 43947

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

At this time I am not working without the low cost prescriptions that I get from my doctors I would die because I could not breathe Please continue the service because I know people who cannot afford these prescriptions at all and you save them with expensive

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Whitney

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Bradley J Mess
RD 2 Box 345
Wng WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

~~I am~~ I would not be able to get My medicine without The Help of Wheeling Health Right. I get some Help from a Friend with Financial Expencives for Bills. Without Health Right Pharmacy I would not be able To get My medicine and without Their Help I could possibly die of High Blood Pressure & Diabetes Please do not close Their Pharmacy down for All People That want To be Alive with There Families

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Brad Mazer

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

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Date: _____

From: _____

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no health insurance and I have a very limited income. If it was not for Wheeling Health Right + their medicine that I can get for a small amount of money, I would not be alive today. I take quite a few I some are very expensive. I have a hard time paying for them at a reduced rate. I could not pay full price.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____

Willing to have published ___ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

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AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Brenda Hill
P.O. Box 142
Mannsville, WV

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I take 11 different medication a day I have
no Health Ins. to help cover the cost
and many two of the meds are generics
that would be minimally priced.
I would have to choose to either eat,
pay my utility bills or buy my medicine

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Hill

Willing to have published ✓ *yes* ___ *no*

Date: 8-22-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Emma Atkins
261 Clearview Ave
Welch, WV 24801

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm 62 yr. old. I don't have a big income. I work part-time at Eqleby

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Emma Atkins

Willing to have published ___*yes* ___*no*

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: AUG 20, 2008

From: Gill Edgar
70475 Maynard Road
St. Clairsville, Ohio
43950

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have multiple medical Problems. I Take meds For Heart, Breathing problems and have Melenoma.

I have no other Insurance and I am Corrently ~~[illegible]~~ unemployed. This would Just be The end For me without The Health Right Pharmacy

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gill Edgar

Willing to have published X yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-23-08

From: Ralph McDonald
28 Oak St.
Bridgeport Oh. 43912

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I'm unemployed and can't afford health care or meds.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ralph McDonald

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2021
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: August 20, 2021

From: Judy D. Newhart
402 N Zane Highway
Martins Ferry Ohio 43935-1627

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

As a nurses aide I can only find part-time work at this time. My husband's medical insurance is too expensive to cover me also. So I rely on Health Right Thank You

Judy Newhart

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Newhart

Willing to have published X *yes* ____ *no*

RECEIVED
AUG 20 2025
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Sharon West
3137 Jacob St
Why, WVa, 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

To whom It may concern I need my medicine from wheeling Health Right. Because I Have no Insurance. And without them Helping me I would Be really worse Off without my medicine. It is a great thing They do for me.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon West

Willing to have published ____*yes* ____*no*

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2025
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Louis W Sorge
3720 GOFF ST.
WHG. WVA 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I AM TAKING CARE OF MY MOTHER SHE 92 I AM NOT OLOGAT FOR SOCIALY - AM NO WAY FOR MY PILS NO INCOMS LIVS WITH MY MOTHER RECIVE 150. IN. FOOD STAMP A MONTH

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Louis W Sorge

Willing to have published ___yes ___no

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Anna Howard
RR1 box 333 Tridelphia
WV 26059

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I don't have any insurance and I am disabled and so is my husband thank you very much

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Anna Howard

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: 8-21-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Linda Adkins
2224 Market St Apt-2
Wheeling W.Va. 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and I can not pay for mx meds at other Pharmacies. If it wasn't for the free clinic I would probly be dead. So please do not close our clinic.

Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Adkins

Willing to have published ✓ yes ____ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: MARY FEIST
& Wheeling Love

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

With the high cost of medicine this clinic is not only needed, but is a necessity for many people - It is also a great help to get your medicine where you see your doctor - especially since many people that use this clinic have to use public transportation - Closing the pharmacy part of this clinic would [redacted] cause a great hardship for the many people who need it. Please think of the people who you would hurt by doing this, rather than the money you would save.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: Aug 21, 08

From: Theodore Myers
Iron Terrace Apt. 301
Glen Dale, W.V. 26038

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

As a very limited income, Without this clinic I would not be able to get my medication.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Theo. Myers

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8-21-08

From: Margaret Cooksey
940 Market st Apt 802
Wheeling, WV

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

or I will be dead or in a coma.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Cooksey

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

Date: _____

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: [illegible]
[illegible]
Nitro, WV 25143

To Whom It May Concern;

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have to have numerous medications per day which I can't afford to pay for. My disability has not been approved & I don't qualify for Medicaid. If it was not for this clinic & the medications there is a good chance that I would not be alive. Please do not take this away from us. This is a much needed service & they do an excellent job. They make us feel that someone cares.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Archer

☐ I agree you may publish this letter

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: Teresa Ward
22 - 9th
McMechen WV 26040

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am a single mother of 3 Kids That works 40 hrs. and still can NOT afford insurance Through work or outside of work. I do not receive the child support ordered to me so I have to use all the money I earn to make sure my children is taken care of. I have hypo Thyroidism and need medication daily. This Pharmacy is very important to me and my health, and my future of my children.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa Ward

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

RECEIVED
AUG 2 6 2008
WI BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: Aug 21st 2008

From: Robert J Booth
47 Fernwood Ave
Wheeling, W.V.
26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have no insurance and I need my medication to do my job!

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Robert J Booth

Willing to have published ✓ yes ___ no

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: [illegible]

From: David
Doiler
145 N. 19th St.
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am 45 years, I have a learning disability, and I have been working at a part-time job, at a local hardware store for the past year, and have also work a part-time job at a local bakery, for over 25 years, prior to that time. I have been a patient of Wheeling Health Right for the past 5 years, and receive treatment for Hypertension and High/Elevated Cholesterol, with medication that treats my, and maintains my blood pressure and cholesterol levels within normal limits. I take Lisinopril 10mg, HCTZ 25mg, and Lipitor 20mg, which I receive from the Pharmacy at Wheeling Health Right, because I could not otherwise afford to purchase, and then to take these medications to promote/maintain my health.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

David Doiler

Willing to have published X *yes* ___ *no*

Date: [illegible]

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: KATHY BERLETCH
515 - 10th St. Apt. 410
Moundsville, WV 26041

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I have diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol and other issues and could not afford to get what I need without help. I appreciate what they do here greatly, may this help continue for me and all the others that need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Berletch

Willing to have published ____*yes* ____*no*

AUG 2 6 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

Date: 8/25/08

From: Lesa Dalrymple
134 Railroad St.
Glen Easton, WV 26039

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because I have no insurance and I can't afford my prescriptions

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lesa Dalrymple

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: 8-20-08

RECEIVED
AUG 26 2008
WV BOARD OF PHARMACY

From: Shirley Small
1030 Chapline St. Apt. 702
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

No Insurance or income

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Shirley Small

Willing to have published ____yes ____no

Date: 8-22-08

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From: George A White
Rt 2 Box 84-AA
Procter, WV 26055

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My Dis'Biety 'S NOT Enough TO PAy for
my B.ILS AND DRugS AT The Same
time Even Tho you Don't CARE ABout
The People you will Hert We need)
This CARE

George A White
304-455-6002

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Date: Aug 25 2008

From: Janice M Meyer
1341 Valley View Ave
Wng. WV 26003

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Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Only working part-time - very limited income - I can not afford my meds. I'm on three for diabetes & six for hypertention Plus Zocor & Celexa

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Janice M Meyer

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From: Anita Hubbard
50-6th Street
Benwood, WV 26031

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

My family gets our medicine, because he was hurt at work, his insurance has ran out, ~~He doesn't~~ His sick and accident pay has ran out over a year ago. My job doesn't offer insurance, it would be a crime for so many people, if we couldn't get our medicine at Health Rite. God help us all.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Anita Hubbard

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From: Kathleen O'Connor
102 L 8th St
Ceredo, WV 25507

Dear Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because our valley is poor. Many of us, do not have enough money to buy medicine. I am in school - Most of us work and still struggle to get by. The people at the clinic are wonderful, and try so hard to care for thousands of us. Please be merciful & kind and allow us to have the medicines we need.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

K. O'Connor

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Refering to Bill 722:

My name is Darlene Tucker. I have been a patient at Mercer Health Rite for several years. I hope this bill does not pass. I don't know what I would have did without free medication. Yes I do! I would have not been able to afford it.

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Please don't stop the clinics from providing medications. Because I have family that can't afford their medicine and they need it to stay healthy. My husband has worked since he was 16 and provided for his family. We have always had insurance, now I'm 63 and don't have any insurance. If I needed medicine I would need help from the clinic.

Brenda J. Mooney

Rt. 1. Box 341
Bluefield, W.V. 24701

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[illegible] Clinic [illegible]
[illegible] Staff to accommodate
the increase in Clients since 1992.

The people who are served by
these free clinics are the ones that
fall between the cracks of medicaid
coverage, insurance and medicare.
They are most often honest
hard working, low educated
people who work at minimum
wage jobs, which are often only
part-time. In order to get
provide the daily living expenses
for their families they often work
two (2) jobs.

The diseases of Appalachian
traditions and cuisine are very
devastating and expensive to treat.
Since the free clinics these people
can no longer obtain [illegible] (SR)

[illegible] treatment for Hepatitis C.
The treatment, facts and interaction
our physicians, nurses practitioners,
the staff and the pharmaceutical
company enable NPC clients
to receive thousands of dollars
worth of medication, lab test -
and educational material to
prevent the spread of this
devastating disease -

This is also true in the long
term for clients with diabetes
and high blood pressure which
can lead to blindness, neuropathy,
congestive heart failure, stroke,
chronic obstructed lung, anemia +
renal failure. Thru proper
[illegible] and education

If this Senate Bill 722 passes
this will overrule the governing
board of the Board of Trustees
& the Board of Nursing. Can
we REALLY let the Legislature
usurp our State's use of Tax and
make more decisions on our
quality life style VOTE AGAINST
SENATE BILL 722

Carolyn Dorsch
(Retired LPN)
362 Clemson Circle
Princeton, WV

to publish this letter.

my brother, Jeffrey Watters, would also like to be added to the list of thankful people. He discovered he had diabetes and was in pain, leg pindrum, blood pressure headaches, breathing, swelling of his extremities and much more. Never dreaming diabetes was the root to all these problems. He too, wants to thank you and be listed on the Senate letter.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Watters
Kearneysville W. Va. 25430

This is a letter to thank the clinic and persons and programs together that have helped me with my medical problems. At sixty years of age, I do not have any insurance or medical coverage. First they helped me with my teeth. They pulled four teeth which relieved pain, poison & blood pressure. From there I got a referral to the clinic for blood pressure, pap smear, mammogram, blood work, and tetanus shot. At 60 it is very important

hat I have all this done. It's virtually a time on my life that I really needed medical attention. My blood pressure was 224/136 when I went to the clinic for my teeth and it is now at a stand still 139/70. I never had blood work, mammogram or pap smear. This is all a blessing in my life and I'm very grateful for all the help and I'd like to add my appreciation and would like to be on the list of well wishes. Please add me to your list, and letters to any organization that donates or contributes to this clinic. Your actions are greatly accepted and appreciated. Thank you

Deborah Walton
180 Muse St.
Falling Waters
W.Va
25-914

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To Whom it may concern

I am writing this letter in regard to the problem with the medication at Health Right Clinic in Green Valley. Without their services a lot of people will be doing without medications that they need. This is a much needed service for the area.

Bertha McKee
Mimosa MHP #40
Princeton WV 24740

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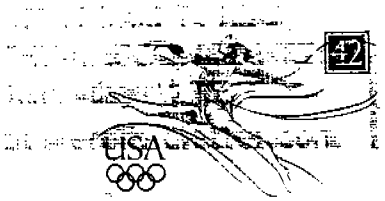
[illegible]
Barboursville, WV 25504



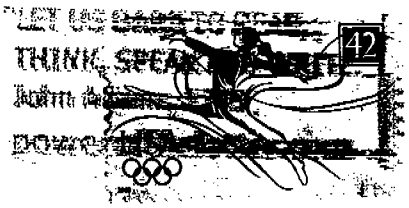
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: SB 722

- overuse & Abuse of ER
  (↑ Health Care Costs, overcrowding ER, delay in Hlnt of others)
- Increase in morbidity & mortality of Chronic illness (d/t failure to seek regular treatment) & take Rx medications

This letter is in support of the Ebenezer Medical Outreach & other Free Clinics in the State of WV & the Patients they serve. As a former ER-nurse (Im now a Medical Student) there is not enough Room in this Card to convey the importance of the free Clinics to the under served - but here are A few:

L. Patton
220 Stonecoal Dr
Barboursville, WV



West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV
25301

RE: SB722

To whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today to let you know that I feel it is not a wise decision to not allow doctors at the free clinics in WV to be able to dispurse medication on the days when a pharmacist is not there. In my opinion, free clinics are there to help the uninsured & underinsured patients and this law proposal seems to violate the whole reason of why the clinics were instated in the first place. Just imagine if you were one of these patients who had to drive hours to receive care and were denied medication that you needed because a pharmacist wasn't there. I guarantee you would be disappointed, enraged, and unsatisfied with the "care" you were receiving. Sincerely,

Lauren Patton

729 11th Ave.
Huntington, WV 25701

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THINK, SPEAK, ACT
John Adams
powered by Adams

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy,

As a future physician and caring citizen of the state of West Virginia, I am opposed to the rule under Senate Bill 722 which states that free clinics in WV must have a pharmacist on site to provide free medications. At least 50,000 uninsured and underinsured citizens of our state would suffer under this rule – many patients may only be able to make it to a clinic at a time when a pharmacist is not available, thus we would be denying our citizens access to healthcare/medicine. Please reconsider this rule so that West Virginias can stay healthier!

Sincerely,
Krista Wagner

Kassie Ice
2930 Auburn Rd
Apt H-11
Huntington WV 25704

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB: 722

[redacted]

Dear Sir or Mam,

The free clinics are very beneficial to most of the population of the state of West Virginia as most people statistially live below the poverty line. These people will be unable to afford proper medical care and if they do reach the ER, the hospital environment will soon become over populated with patients and understaffed. Also, it is the right of the physician to distribute ~~Medicaa~~ medications and with this law, that right has been taken away. Finally, pharmacists are really not going to be willing to work in free clinics full time for free.

[redacted]

Sincerely,

Karah Clayton
94 Fairfax Dr
Huntington, WV 25705

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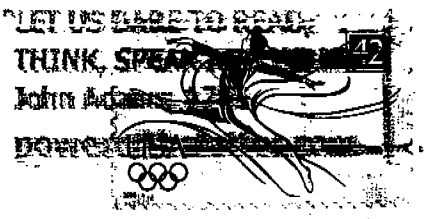
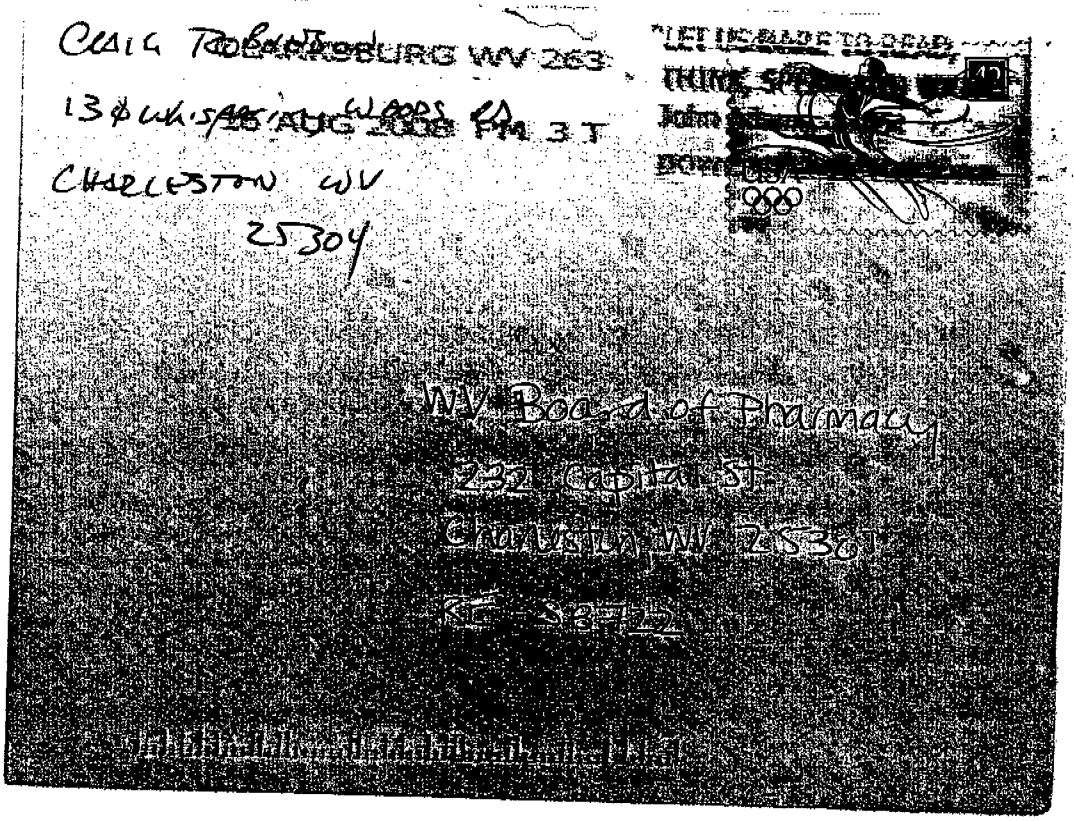


West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

Please rethink your decision to enforce having a pharmacist present at free clinics for the dispersment of medications. This would greatly hinder the number of people who could benefit from free clinics. Again, please reconsider. Thank you.

Karah Clayton
MUSOM Class '12



To: West Virginia
Boards of Pharmacy,

As a medical student and
former member of the medical
industrial complex. I feel you
should re-consider the need for
a pharmacist at free clinics.
This will drastically reduce
the ability of free clinics to
operate & may close many of them

Respectfully Craig

Reema Patel
133 Hidden Valley Est
Scott Depot, WV 25560

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: 58722

WV Board of Pharmacy,

If the WV Free Clinics stopped providing medication to patients, we would be endangering them and as doctors, we would not be doing our job. Please let us serve our patients with the best care they can get, and support the Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc and WV Free Clinics.

-Reema S. Patel

Shirali Shah
3009 Jackson Ridge
Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550

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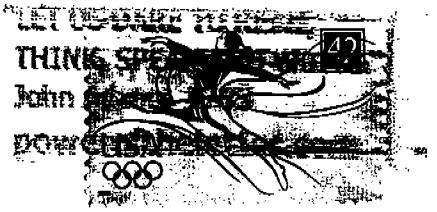

West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

To whom it may concern:

Under the proposed guidelines ~50,000 uninsured and underinsured patients will be without much needed medications. Please reconsider the proposed guidelines to allow clinicians on site to fill prescriptions without a pharmacist on site on behalf of Ebenezer medical Outreach, Inc. and all of the WV free clinics.

Sincerely,
Shirali Shah

M. Lee
911 9th Ave. Apt 6
Huntington, WV 25701

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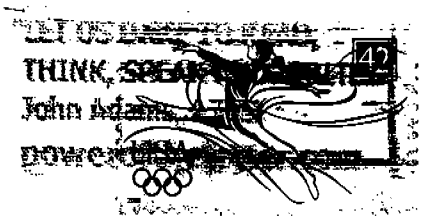

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: SB 722

Free clinics in the State of WV. are extremely important to the population because of the lack of adequate healthcare. With these clinics they are able to get the medications + help they need. This would take away a Clinicians right to give a medication to patients, and possibly close these Clinics.

Monica Lee MU C102012

Yesha Patel
2305 Adams Ave
Huntington, WV 25704

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

To the Board of Pharmacy,

The proposed bill that requires a pharmacist on site at all times in order for doctors to prescribe medications. This bill would be putting citizens of WV at risk because thousands of patients will not receive the medications they need. The current free clinics are providing tremendous help to the uninsured and underinsured patients. If this new bill is passed, the purpose of free clinics will be useless.

Yesha Patel

Rahul Kahandra
1208 11th St Apt #2
Huntington WV 25701

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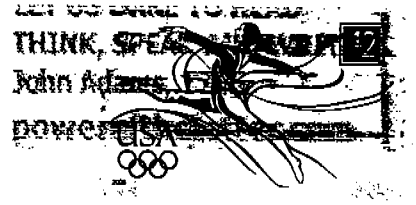

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301
RE: Public Comment on SB722

Dear Board of Pharmacy,

At a first year medical student at Marshall University, our initial thoughts have been to process the overwhelming amounts of information of Gross Anatomy. It is a tedious task, yet, looking forward we must keep our minds focused on the end result... our responsibility to uphold the Oath and physician professionalism. To do this fundamental task, we MUST support The Ebenezer Medical Outreach Clinic.

Regards,

Rahul Y. Kahandra

Daniel P
6466 Farmdale Rd. Apt. 2
Barboursville, WV 25504

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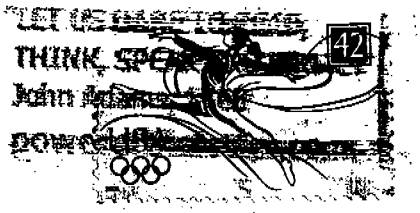


West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE-SB-22

Dear West Virginia Board of Pharmacy,

I am writing in response to the proposed rule that would require a pharmacist on site at all times at the free clinics in WV. I feel that this would cripple the system that effactively serves the uninsured and underinsured patients of WV. It also underminds the doctors who volunteer their time in these free clinics. Please do not pass this!

Sincerely, Dani

GIRL CLARKSBURG WV
6733 Country club Ln
Huntington WV 25705

To
West Virginia Board of pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston. WV 25301
RE: SB722

To
Board of pharmacy.

Please allow the request. forced closure to health system delivery is detrimental. Sincerely
Regards.

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV, 25301

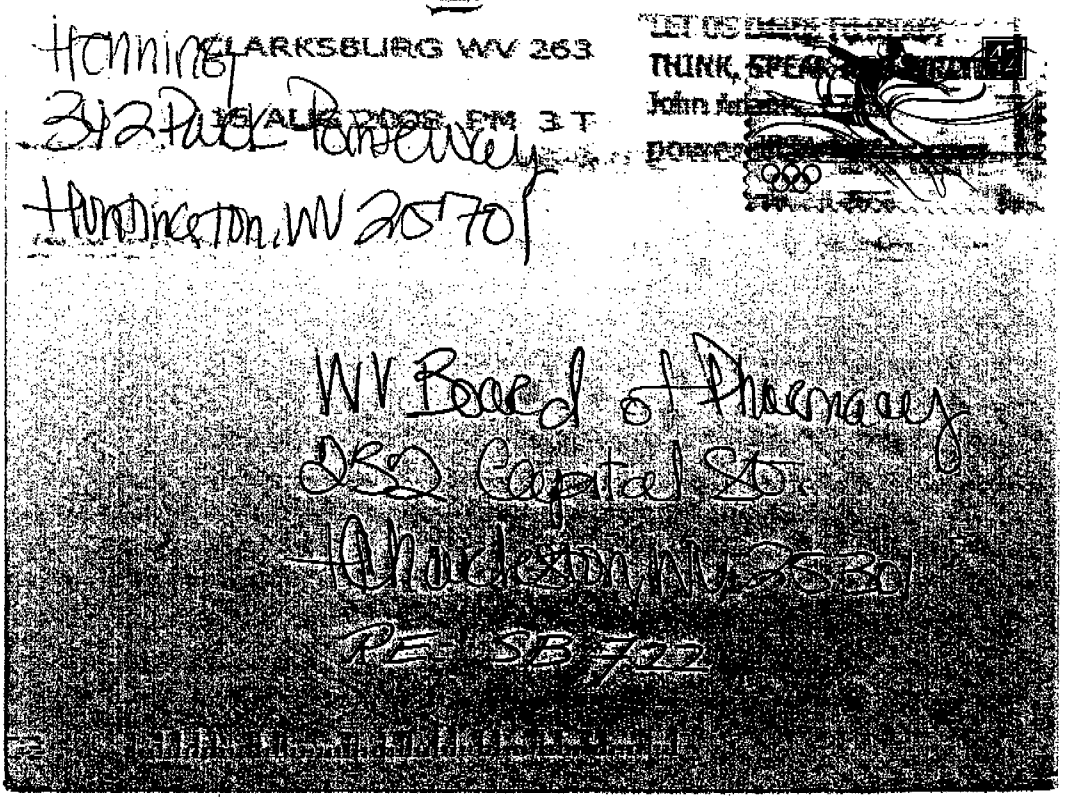
RE: Public Comment on SB722

In regard to Senate Bill 722:

The provision of medication to patients is presently under the judgment of physicians & pharmacists. The restriction of physician's ability to fill prescription does not seem like a wise decision for multiple reasons. 1) This would make the process more complicated than needed. And in the already complicated medical profession, simplicity must be key. 2) If pharmacists are available only a few days per week, it ~~would~~ creates difficulty for patients attempting to receive medications. Since many live in remote, rural locations, the commute will become more daunting & the prospect of receiving meds will become extremely limited.

Therefore, try to keep this process simple & available to all who should require it.

- Zack Grambos

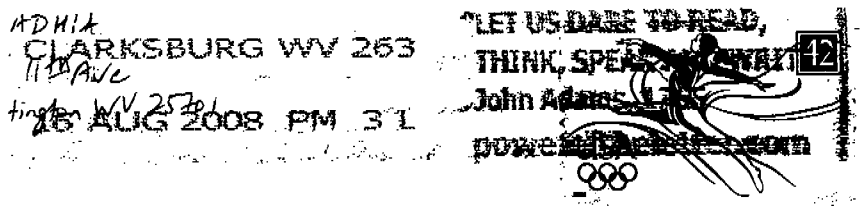


Dear WV Board of Pharmacy,

Please consider revising the proposed rules that require free clinics to have a pharmacist on site. This would be devastating to the West Virginians who cannot afford health insurance and who must utilize free clinics for care available to them.

Sincerely,

Elise



West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

232 Capital ST.

Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

Dear Sir or M'am

2) Please recognize the nature of rural health access - these populations have to travel long distances to get their meds - they can't & shouldn't deal w/ an absent pharmacist.

6) Why burden the health system w/ the unnecessarily high costs of seeing

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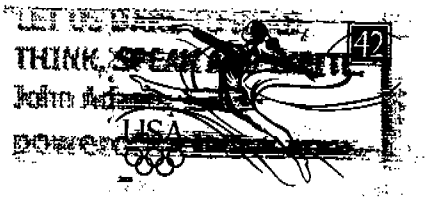

W.V. Board of Pharm.
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB 722

WV Board of pharmacy,

This letter/card is in response to the proposed rules requiring Free Clinics to Staff Pharmacists for Dispensments of Medications. This Step adds a huge hurdle to many uninsured or underinsured patients in W.V. Due to the financial demands of a pharmacist this will cause many patients to go without their needed medication & could possibly close the free clinics which serve over 50,000 citizens of W.V.

Sincerely,

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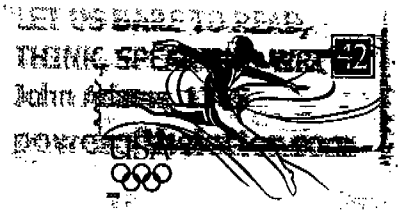


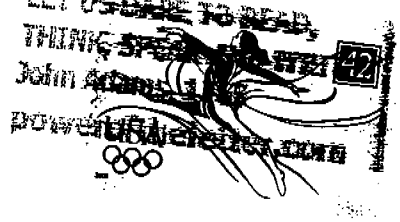
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

I am writing in support of Ebenezer Medical Outreach and the West Virginia free clinics. If the free clinics are forced to stop providing medications to patients, this will be a terrible problem for many people. It is not right to force the free clinics to have a pharmacist on site at all times.

- Thanks

Price Ward
1433 Stewart Ave
Huntington, WV
25701



West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St
Charleston, WV
25301

RE: SB722

Dear WV Pharmacy Board,

As a medical Student I am in favor of WV Free Clinics. They provide medical Coverage to those who normally could not afford it, keeping our state healthy and an enjoyable place to Be.

Sincerely,
Price Ward
Marshall medical Student

John Walker
609 22nd St
Apt 1432
Huntington, WV
25703

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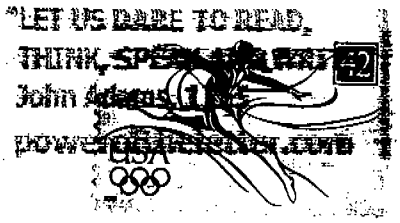

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301
RE: SB722

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WV Board of Pharmacy,

Requiring pharmacists on-site every day at WV Free Clinics undermines the effectiveness of physicians who prescribe medicine to their patients. This leaves up to 50,000 uninsured without access to prescription medication if the free clinic shuts down. Re-think this bill.

-John Walker

J. WOLFORD
1552 TERRACE DR
HUNTINGTON, WV 25701

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 capital St.
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy -

Please understand that the proposed rule that would require every clinic in WV to have a pharmacist on site at all times could surely damage an effective & beneficial system. As of right now the free clinics are some of the best run clinics in the US & under these new rules the underserved populations that benefit from these clinics would be put at a disadvantage which goes against the very

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West Virginia Board of Pharm.
232 Capitol St.
Charleston WV 25301

RE: SB782

To whom it may concern.

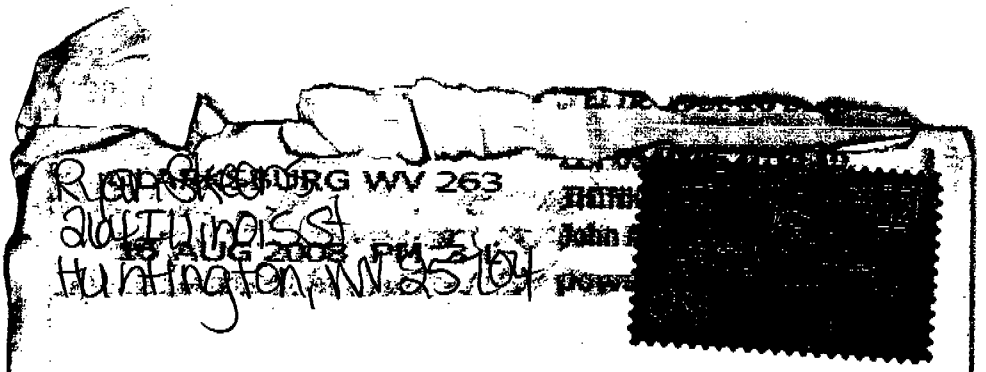
I'm writing to express my sincere dismay that Senate bill 782 became Law. This actually disadvantages the significant uninsured population of West Virginia. Please allow this bill to prescriptions and dispense medications. Anything less is a disservice to the people of West Virginia.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM CURRENTLY A FIRST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY. I AM WRITING TO ASK YOU RECONSIDER YOUR PROPOSED BILL BY REQUIRING A PHARMACIST TO BE PRESENT FOR DISPENSING OF DRUGS YOUR ARE GREATLY BURDENING THE PATIENTS & PHYSICIANS AT THE ~~FREE~~ CLINIC. MANY OF THE PATIENTS TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES & CAN NOT COME ONLY ON THE DAY WHEN THERE IS AN AVAILABLE PHARMACIST. THIS WILL FORCE PATIENTS TO AN ER LEADING TO OVERCROWDNESS & GOVERNMENTS PAYMENT FOR MORE PATIENTS

SINCERELY,

RYAN K. SKEENS



WV BOARD OF PHARMACY
232 CAPITAL ST.
CHARLESTON, WV 25301

RE: SB722

Kara Sifford
1615 6th Ave. Apt 306
Huntington, WV 25703

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

8/15/08

To Whom It May Concern:

As an entering medical student at the Marshall University School of Medicine, it has been brought to my attention the Senate Bill 722 has some proposed rules that would negatively affect the patients as well as physicians. We, as a school, are urging you to reconsider these proposed rules - namely requiring a pharmacist on the site of the free clinic. As a student who will be working for the patients at the Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Please consider the impact! Thanks for the consideration!

Sincerely, KARA SIFFORD

Motr
2021 Donald Ave
Huntington, WV
25701

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West Virginia Board of
Pharmacy
232 Capital St.
Charleston, WV
25301

RE: SB722

To the Board,

This letter in Regards to SB722 - I am greatly against this bill, a physician should control what medications their patients recieve - since they are responsible.

DO NOT PLACE the CLINICS OF WV UNDER THE BOARD OF PHARMACY! DOING SO ENDANGERS OVERALL PUBLIC HEALTH BY INCREASING DIFFICULTY FOR THE UNINSURED TO OBTAIN NEEDED HEALTHCARE.

THIS WOULD BE OUTRIGHT FOOLISH (PASSING SB 722) - incidence of STDs, HEPA+B, etc. will increase exponentially -

Regards,
/ Elizabeth Motr

Melissa Compton
416 Spencer Ave
Barboursville, WV 25504

WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV 25301
RE: SB722

The Ebenezer Medical Outreach programs need to beable to dispense medicine without a pharmacist. These medications are too expensive for the uninsured. Please reconsider your decision.

Melissa Compton

To West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

I would like to comment on SB722, ~~Rule Case~~ specifically the rule concerning Pharmacists overseeing all prescriptions written in WV free clinics. It is clear to me that this rule does nothing more than provide an obstacle and prevent quality care given to patients in free clinics. Financially + logistically this rule contradicts and undermines the spirit of free clinics.

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ntington, WV 25701

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: SB722

To whom it may concern:

Without the help of Access Health Right I would not be able to go to a doctor or get my medication. I am a wife of a disabled person who has got a spinal disease. Without the clinic I would be without a doctor or any means of getting my meds. I am not able to get medicare or Medicaid Social Security, so please don't close down this clinic. I would not be able to get my medicines for diabetes or blood pressure pills.

Pauline Beale
Bluefield WV

Rt 4, Lot 11 Davidson MHP
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Mercer Health Rights
Rt 2 Box 378
P.O Box 142
Bluefield WV 24701

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Re: Senate Bill 722
WV Board of Pharmacy

My name is Linda Moore. I Am writing this letter in reference to the Senate Bill 722. I am a patient at Mercer Health Right. I have been getting Free medicines for so many years. Mercer Health Right is GOD Sent to patients like me. If you take this away. What are we going to do? When you dont have money, OR health coverage to buy your medicines These Free medications are necessary for survival. If you havent walk the shoe you dont know what it is like. Please!! Please!! Don't!! take our Free Medicines away. In making a decision. Just take only one minute put yourself IN OUR place. (a patient)

Thanks in advan

P.O Box 3717 Bluefield WV 24701

(patient) Linda M

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Clinic is one of the best, and they touch so many lives. The lives of people whom can survive because these people can get these medication "no drugs".

Please allow these clinics to operate, and the people that come to the clinic in a great number of people. These lives depend upon these Clinic Doctors, and medication.

Please consider my letter to help keep these Clinics in operation What they are doing is a good job, and they follow Rules and regulations there should never be a problem. Please don't take these clinics away from these people whom need it.

From Drema Harvey
Rt 2 Box 386
Tabor Mobile Home Park
Bluefield WVa 24701

To Whom it May Concern- August 15/08

The Mercer Co Health Clinic and all other free clinic in W.V. are a important part of health care for Citizens tax payers who are unable to afford the high cost of medications most important to thier health and well being - Most often income isn't enough to live above the poverty level - a case in point is my granddaughter - at 33 yrs of age is impaired by Bi Polar - Manic depression - on disability and income of $400.00 a month, Not enough to even pay rent - and maintain her out burnal - and must have the services of Mercer Health Dept - Health Dept. has worked very effecent under condetions of much needed up date of the Building Our Lawmaker are suppose to work for the good of the people who elected them - apparent thier life style has been that they nor any of loved ones have ned of such services -

Sincerly

Barbara Pickett
568 Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Retired, U.S.P.O.

August 20, 2008

Janet S. Burley
130 Harley Dr.
Princeton, WV 24740

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a patient at Mercer County Health Right & greatly depend on them for health services & medications. I do not have any health insurance coverage & cannot afford any, nor am I eligible for Medicaid thru the State. The Mercer Co. Health Right has been a blessing over the years. If it hadn't been for them, I wouldn't be able to get my medications or health services that I need.

I hope that Mercer Health Right will be able to remain open to help not only me, but other patients that desperately need their help.

Sincerely,

Janet S. Burley

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Dear David Peters

I am very concerned for the people with no Insurance that have to go to the Free Clinics for their Medicine.

I know several people including my Mother who has in the past been to Health Right and some people I know are still getting their medicine there.

Please continue to help them and others.

What are they (the people) going to do without their Medicine? They can't function without it. Maybe even die.

Please keep the Free Clinics Open, have Mercy on the people. Income in W. Va for people is very low.

Thank you very much

Beverly J Fullins
377 Elk River Rd. #1
Clendenin, W. Va 25045

Enid Potters
W.V. Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, W.V. 25301

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Mrs. Potters

The new regulations from W.V. Board of Pharmacy is not fair to the People.

Samples of Medication, are delivered to Physicans on a regular bases. These samples are delivered by a Rep of any Drug Company? to promote their own Product.

Why would a Pharmist have to be present? to give a free sample? to the Patient

Why can't the W.V Board of Pharmacy have a Gram of Hope for Poor People or a Hard Worker who's down on their luck.

Free Clinics are a Haven and Hope for people. How many Poor People will be denied. How many Lifes Could the W.V. Board of Pharmacy save. or not?

Respectfully
Nellie Magno.

P.O. Box 6172
Bluefield, WV 24701

8-5-08

To Whom It May Concern,

I recently heard that pharmacies want to be a part of Free Clinics.

Free clinics are what they are. They help people who can't afford medicines.

I am on medicines for Epilepsy, high blood pressure, heart arythma, and diabetes.

Tell me what will happen when I cannot get these medicines.

I can not even afford a doctor to even get a prescription from a doctor, to even give to a pharmacy.

I guess some of us will lose our battles with diabetes, epilepsy and other diseases.

I hope that people who vote on this will think of all the people that will be harmed greately, if all of the free clinics have to close.

Children, and elderly alike will suffer.

I say keep them open, so people can live.

Sincerly written,
Carolyn S. Cundiff
Patient at Mercer Health
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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because the free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Without the free clinic my daughter could not get her medication that she needs. There is one that she needs that cost at about $400.00/100 + $500.00/100 for just 30 days. She is not on it now because of the price of it. The free clinic is helping her with some of her medication that she needs For her allegeries + thyroide and she has moods that bother's her that the one she needs the most and cost the most. Without the ~~free~~ clinic there is a lot of people that would go without there medication and some might died if they didn't have it. They can't get insurance or can't afford to get or pay for insurance. Please keep the free clinic open.

Thank you, Elizabeth Bandy

I agree you may publish this letter

Sincerely, Elizabeth Bandy
Rebecca Price's mother

Dear Mr. Potter,

I am a Wheeling Health Right patient. I am a diabetic and have been dignosed with severe COPD. I am on oxygen 24 hrs aday. I can not afford the prescription prices at the drug stores. The people at Wheeling Health Right are very nice and responsible people. I hope with all my heart this Pharmacy problem can be resolved. Without them I wouldn't be here today

Thank You
Sincerely
Helen Stefanow
205 No. Erie St.
Wheeling, W. VA. 26003

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Dear Mr. Potter. 8/22/08

I am a current patient at Wheeling Health and receive 7 prescriptions through their pharmacy. I live alone and have a limited income. Without their services, I could not afford to go to a regular pharmacy to get my medication. I am a diabetic, have high blood pressure and take a heart pill along with depression and acid reflux disease.

Please don't let the government take away our Health Right Pharmacy. My health + future as well as many other patients in our great state of West Virginia.

Thank-you for your time.

Pamela S. McAbee

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Mr. Jack Potters
W.V. Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St
Charleston WV 25301

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Dear Mr. Potters

It is my understanding that the Board of Pharmacy is considering making a rule that clinics and Physicians offices will not be allowed to dispense medicines without a pharmacist present. Do you understand what a hardship that would be to many low income people who get drug samples from their physician?

Please, please do not let that happen!

Thank you,
Garnett Pearson
221 Kan. Cir
Dunbar WV 25064

DEAR, MR. POTTERS,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL, BUT CONCERNING THESE RULES PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY I MUST ASK: WHAT ARE THEY SMOKING?! OBVIOUSLY VERY STRONG STUFF. LEAVE THE RULES EXACTLY AS THEY ARE NOW. THANK YOU. I AM

TRULY YOURS,

CHUCK ROBERTS

David Potters
WV Board of Pharmacy
[illegible] Capitol St
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:
I am asking that the Board of Pharmacy does not make a rule that prohibits free clinics and physicians offices from giving out free medicines. This will do nothing but hurt low income people who cannot afford costly medicines. PLEASE!!!!!!!

Bob Dean

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...stifle medication rule

...doesn't back down. ...a lot of hardship, ...worry about whether ...ptions," she said. ...clinics don't stock nar- ...highly regulated med- ...clinics typically dis- ...patients with asth- ...high blood pressure ...disease. ...Health Right has re- ...plaints from patients ...about its free med- ...in the past. ...rule also jeopard- ...new West Virginia ...program, which sends medica- ...tions from free clinics to patients ...through the mail, she said. ...not broke, why are we ...White said. "We need to ...protect the safety net for the unin- ...sured and poor in the state."

Reach Eric Eyre at ...@wvgazette.com or 348-4869.

"The end result will be that patients will stop taking their medications because they won't be able to afford them. Lives are on the line."

PAT WHITE
Executive director of West Virginia Health Right

WHITE IS RIGHT.

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WV Board of Pharmacy

To Whom It May Concern:

Why should free clinics be required to have a pharmacist when doctor's offices don't. To me, Senate Bill 722 seems ridiculous (with an emphasis on the last four letters of the word with "y" added.)

I hope there are enough people and organizations speaking out against the bill, so that it can be defeated + reversed.

Robert Howe
1017 Wyoming St.
Bluefield, WV
24701

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To: Mr. David Potters -

I am writing regarding the new rule being proposed that would require that pharmacists be present at free clinics in order for the doctors to dispense medications.

I believe free clinics serve an indespensible role in a world where access to medical care and prohibitively high costs of prescription drugs leaves many people with no place to go when ill. I think this is a terrible situation, and we are lucky to have people willing to donate their time freely. I believe the Board of Pharmacy should support this effort, by making it possible for people to get medication they need without having to wait for a pharmacist to be present. Please do not go ahead with a rule that will make this impossible.

Sincerely,

Dale Simplicio
Morgantown WV
598-0339

578 New York Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26501
August 18, 2008

David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters:

I wish to strongly comment against the proposed legislation listed as "Title 15," also known as SB 722 regarding Regulation of Charitable Clinic Pharmacies.

According to the enclosed letter from a clinic physician, the Board of Pharmacy did not obtain or include any physician input for their proposal. This is not acceptable to the general public. The letter also illustrates how physicians will not be permitted to dispense any medications, and that this creates a health care crisis for low-income people. Health care is bad enough, and we don't need additional red tape in free clinics to add to it.

There is nothing in the proposal that rectifies an impending health threat to low income people which is created by the Board of Pharmacy, and which goes against physicians best judgments for their patients. This proposal seems to have created a problem that will literally shut down or reduce badly needed charitable clinics. There would be no point in spending time and money going to a clinic when medication availability will be at the whim of a 6 hour per month pharmacist.

If an insured patient can obtain free samples directly from their physician, why deny this by law to low income people? This legislation communicates serious lack of respect and distrust of physicians, without whom pharmacists cannot dispense medications at all.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Bostonia

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Board of Pharmacy rule creates health care crisis

Free health clinics in West Virginia are being threatened by new regulations from the state Board of Pharmacy and they need your help.

Over one in five adults in West Virginia lack health insurance coverage. Many people cannot afford medical care and don't qualify for state assistance, often working at low-wage jobs without benefits or medically disabled. Ten free clinics in West Virginia have been organized by volunteers within our communities to provide free medical care and free medication. Medication is obtained by donations from generic drug companies, drug samples and from pharmaceutical assistance programs. Free clinics are largely staffed by volunteer physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, who along with a pharmacy technicians, supply patients with medications.

The Board of Pharmacy has been directed by the legislature to work with free clinics to develop rules for charitable clinic pharmacies. The BOP did not listen to free clinics and has proposed a rule that will result in harm for thousands of West Virginians. The proposed rule will require free clinics to have a pharmacist present at all times when medication is distributed. The rule will prevent physicians from distributing medication, even samples, without a pharmacist. The rule will greatly limit the ability of free clinics to provide medication.

Assume the proposed rule is accepted and consider the case of an uninsured diabetic woman who works for low wages as a housekeeper. She has to drive 40 miles to a free clinic to see a volunteer physician. The free clinic cannot afford to hire a full-time pharmacist and so can only fill prescriptions at limited times when a volunteer pharmacist can be present. Her work schedule conflicts with the times the pharmacist is present, and the cost of gasoline makes it hard for her to return. Her insulin which she needs to control her diabetes would cost $150 per month. Even though the clinic has a supply of insulin, the physician is prohibited from giving her medication by the Board of Pharmacy rule. She tells the physician that she is going to have to stop her insulin.

Free clinics provided more than 450,000 free prescriptions to West Virginians. What will happen when thousands of people can't get medication they need for heart disease, asthma, diabetes, infections, high blood pressure? How many heart attacks, flares of asthma, diabetic comas, strokes will require emergency room care? Where can they fill prescriptions that the emergency room doctors give?

State agencies should be supportive of the efforts of our communities to help the working poor and others in need, rather than regulating them out of existence. This rule will create a health care crisis for many low-income citizens. If you or someone you know has benefited from a free clinic pharmacy, or if you are willing to speak up for others in need, send your comments to David Potters, West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, 232 Capitol St., Charleston, WV 25301. Public comments are being accepted only until August 29 at 3 pm. The board is required to respond to each comment.

Karen Fitzpatrick, M.D.
Family physician volunteer
Milan Puskar Health Right
Morgantown

518 Hillcrest Circle
Bridgeport, WV 26330

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WV Board of Pharmacy
Attn.: David Potters
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters -

I am speaking out in favor of the "common good" as provided by the ten free health care clinics in West Virginia. I know the tremendous job that Health Access does in assisting and treating many of the "working poor" in the Harrison County area. It would be a travesty to our area and the state if the Board of Pharmacy continues to ignore the WV Legislature's intent and attempts to regulate the charitable free clinic pharmacies.

I thoroughly believe that the Board of Pharmacy needs to pull the new rule from consideration this year and follow the Legislature's intent. The Board needs to develop a rule that allows for pharmaceutical access, while providing patient protection. The rules/regulations need to be designed in such a way to provide access for the "working poor" to both care and treatment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Diana L Bedell

Diana L. Bedell

RACHEL HASSAN BEY
POB 2143
Charleston WV 25328
Email: rhassanbey@yahoo.com

12 August 2008

RE: STATE Senate Bill 722

To Whom It May Concern:

Please vote against SB 722. This bill would have an adverse effect on many working people, especially those of us who can not afford medical care or prescriptions for ourselves or family members.

We are the ones who, like many seniors on fixed incomes, sacrifice our limited incomes for housing, food and other basic needs to pay for medications. The burden of cost associated with medical treatment, namely prescriptions, falls heavily on our households and free clinics are our primary source to fill the gap. They disperse these donated and necessary medications with capable and dedicated staff and volunteers that are not trained pharmacists. Yet, their efficiency and professional care in delivering this service is to be commended and supported. They are already under funded and overburdened with excel orating expenses that challenge the scope of these services. Why add another obstacle to their work. Free clinics, like WV HEALTH RIGHT, are a vital part of our community. For many of us working people and our families, they are our only *resource* for these services.

PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN! We are depending on our voices being heard by you. DON'T LET US DOWN!

Sincerely,

Rachel Hassan Bey

Rachel Hassan Bey

August 18, 2008

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David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston WV 25301

RE: Free Clinics in WV

Dear Mr. Potters:

We would like to express our opposition to the proposal that a pharmacist be present at all times when medication is distributed to a needy person at a free health clinic in WV. We believe that a physician (or a health care provider under the direction of a physician) should have the right to distribute medication to a patient of the free health clinic. Please do not adopt this rule.

We believe that the proposed rule is just another example of the drug industry trying to control our lives. In this case, to the detriment of people who cannot afford health care. Drug companies have too much influence over our health care system. Please do not give these companies any more power to the detriment of those who need some free health care.

We are objective in making this request because we currently have insurance. Accordingly, we personally have no motivation in writing this letter other than as a civic responsibility.

Sincerely,

Martin H. Pushkin

Martin H. Pushkin

Ann B. Pushkin

Ann B. Pushkin
181 Hickory Ridge Road
Morgantown WV 26508

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David Potters
West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Potters,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed rules and regulations for charitable clinic pharmacies. I have known colleagues who devote their time and heart to providing services at Milan Puskar Health Right Clinic in Morgantown. They make great efforts to provide quality services to uninsured and underinsured patients in our community.

Without the medication dispensing that allowing patients to receive the medications they need most would go without, having no other recourse.

It does make sense that the clinics should become charitable clinic pharmacies under the Board of Pharmacy. My concern is that the proposed rules and regulations do not take into consideration the very unique nature of these clinics. I am deeply concerned that if these rules and regulations are instituted as currently written, many patients will go without medications. Further, I believe that many patients will have adverse health outcomes related to not having medications. I have seen such patients in the hospital setting who do not have ready access to a free clinic.

I am asking the Board of Pharmacy to pull the proposed rules and regulations and take the time to work with the WV Association of Free Clinics to focus on quality assurance issues. I am confident that taking the time to work together, both organizations can create rules that will allow patients to continue receiving the safe and high quality of care they have been and that we all desire for our patients.

Please consider the adverse effect of implementing the proposed rules and regulations on the uninsured and underinsured of our community.

Thank you for consideration of this important issue.,

Sincerely,

Barbara Mulich

Barbara Mulich, FNP-BC
WVUH
PO Box 8022
Morgantown, WV 26506

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West Virginia Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.,
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: Senate Bill 722

Genelemen:

I am responding to the proposed rules established by the W. Va. Board of Pharmacy to implement Senate Bill 722. How could you propose such a Bill? Free clinics are the voice of thousands of patients, who, if this bill is passed into law, are at risk. Their health care status will be in serious jeopardy. Why should West Virginians be penalized because of the selfish interests of the Board of Pharmacy? My apologies but that is just how I see it. A pharmacist who must be paid to dispense free necessary medicines and you know that free clinics, such as Mercer Health Right, cannot afford to pay a pharmacist. I guess this also means that a physician cannot give patients free samples in his office?

I respectfully urge you, and the West Virginia law makers, not to submit/pass the proposed Senate Bill 722.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Ameli

Nancy J. Ameli
P O Box 3111
Bluefield, WV 24701

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cc: Senator Earl Ray Tomblin, Senate President
Senator Don Caruth
Senator Truman Chafin
Senator John Pat Fanning

August 18, 2008

Board of Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
Charleston, WV 25301

To Whom It May Concern:

I have always worked (and still do work) and struggled to raise my family. My son is a severe diabetic and could never afford his medicines and testing things if Health Right was not able to provide them.

Why would anyone want to take away the only place poor people who work have to get medical treatment and prescriptions filled? Please leave the clinic like it is.

Sally Johnson

Sally Johnson
1636 Va. St E
Chas. W.V 25311
Phone 344-5182

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WV Board of Pharmacy
232 Capital ST.
Charleston, WV 25301

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing concerning the pending legislation requiring Health Care Clinics in West Virginia to have a pharmacist present to hand out medications. I realize there are safety concerns but the negative impact of these restrictions need to be addressed. There are many patients who will be forced by economics to forfeit their medications for other necessities.

I am dealing with these issues in my efforts to provide the cardiac medications that my son needs to prevent a future as a cardiac cripple. He does not realize that the next episode of chest pain might not kill him but cripple him. As a cardiac cripple instead of a productive citizen he would become another person depending on government support. His medications cost almost $150 per month. I'm on a fixed income though I do work some to supplement my check since I am struggling in this economy. I cannot supply his medications and provide for myself. I have to find some assistance for him. Eliminating medications from the free clinics and sample distribution results in the removal of valuable resources.

If there was no a shortage of pharmacists I would be in full agreement that safety in medication distribution is paramount. But there is a pharmacist shortage. The doctors and nurse practitioners are well aware of the dangers to the patient if medications are not properly dispensed. Any process that is put in place for the safety of the patient cannot be considered safe if medications that are essential for quality of life and possibly survival are taken away from the patient.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Heywood Lee

Signature

SB 722

— im a patient at the Panhandle Free Clinic

I get pd. minimum wage every 2 weeks.

There is no way having enough money to go here and there to get an prescription filled. Please help!

Thank You
Charlotte Markley

2347 Lewisville Rd
Summit Point, WV.
25446

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355 Buckingham Way
Westminster MD 21157

Aug 11, 2008

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy.

I am writing to ask you to please allows the Easton Panhandle Free Clinic to continue to give their patients free medication. If not for this service, many of their patients will be forced to go without life-saving medication.

Yours truly -

Lisa Stahley

Family member of patient

I give permission for this letter to be printed (L2)

08-14-08

From: Larry Guerra

PO Box 1312

Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Dear Members of the Board of Pharmacy:

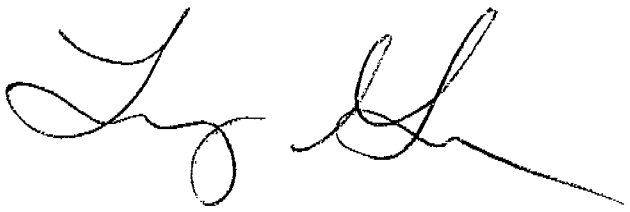
I need medicine from my free clinic because I do not have medical insurance. I do not have medical insurance because I was injured volunteering as a firefighter. Due to my injury, I have had to have surgery on my foot. The free clinic has helped me in many ways. I started to have lower right abdominal pain, since I do not have insurance because I only had a part-time job; I heard about the free clinic and called them to see if I qualified.

I qualified, and they set me up with an appointment at their earliest convenience. When I had my appointment, which I had not been to a doctor in 5 years, I had many diagnoses which needed to be treated by medication. If it were not for the free clinic, I would not be able to afford the medication or health care that I receive.

I am very thankful for the free clinic that we have here in our county. I know, that Leona Cook and many volunteers have worked very hard for others in their community that can not afford medical care and medications. It is a blessing to have people in the community that help others with services like this.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Larry Guerra

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David Potters
WV Bd. Pharmacy
232 Capitol St.
Chas, WV 25301

Please reverse the rule that requires free clinics to have a pharmacist present at all times when medication is being distributed.

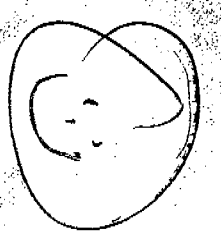
I had a son who was a substitute teacher in Kanawha Co. He did not have insurance for several years. He was working (1)

But could not afford health insurance at the time.

He later became employed by another company and he had health insurance. He became ill with cancer and died.

Thank God he had health insurance at the time. But if he had health insurance earlier he might have been (2)

A Personal Note...
alive today.
Please help
the working poor.
Thank you,
Gail Walby-Morris
Retired teacher



PS
God will bless those who help the less fortunate! (3)

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Dear Sir,

In regards to the stopping of the free medicine clinic I believe it would be a very bad thing for many, many people who don't have insurance. I know many people who have benefited from getting their medicine here.

I know one nice mad lady who benefited from this service. After being layed off on her job her insurance stopped.

She became very ill while trying to get her disability. The free medicine kept her alive. She is still with us and an inspiration to us all.

Please don't stop this.

Sincerely,
Christine Cain

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Date: 8-25-08

From: Cheri Harrah
734 Stonewall Rd
Beckley WV 25801

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I am not able to work and have not qualified for SS disability yet. I have not qualified for Medicaid. I have no income and don't when I will so I rely on the clinic to supply me with my medications. I am a diabetic and have 2 heart attacks and are on many different medications. Please don't take this program away from people who really need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Cheri Harrah

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Date: 8/4/08

From: Bruce Nowajewski

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Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Because The Cost of Insurance W. Mutual Company Help is Never The Less. Its Too Much Stretched Coming for it people Trusted & Courteously Rippin them Off.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Nowajewski

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Date: [illegible]

From: The Shannons

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I would not other wise be able to afford the medication that we need in order to stay healthy.

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

The Shannons

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Thomas Hall
P.O. Box 123 Brenton WVa
24818

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Am A retired coal miner with a Lot of Health problems diabetes & High blood pressure. Without my Insulin & blood pressure medicine I don't Think I'll Be around long & This is the only place I can get my medicine & See The Doc. I Live in Wyoming Co. & There is No Help with Medicine available There & with The price of medicine we would Have To Do without.

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hall

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Date: 8-4-08

From: Mr. Scott Shuster Sr.
+Mrs Karen Shuster
317 Upper Rock Creek Rd
Rock Creek, WV. 25174

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I Own My Own Truck and have no heath insurance. Without the medicine from the free clinic Me and My Wife would not be Able to afford Our medicine. Please change or remove this Bill as I know there are many people like us that would have to go without medicine. Which would lead to Poorer Health.

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Sincerely,

Scott A Shuster
Karen Shuster

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Date: 8-25-08

From: Thomas Rucker
P.O. Box 385
Philippi, WV 26416

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

For blood pressure. Don't have income at this time

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Thomas Rucker

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Date: _____

From: Mary Stover
P.O. Box 85
Glen Daniel, W.V. 25844

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

Berause I'm not working I have no income of my own. I have no medical insurance. I have health issues that keep me from being able to work. Disabil says I don't qualify. I am a diabetic with other medical problems it is so expesive, I couldn't afford my medicine if this clinic wasn't here.

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Mary Stover

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From: Mark St. Clair
108 Walker Ave
Beckley WV 25801

Dear WV Board of Pharmacy:

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

At any given time my medicines could cost hundreds of dollars a month. money that I don't have. I am low incomed and I have no insurance. If not for the Doctors and the pharmacy at Beckley Health Right. I wouldn't know what I would do.. If this bill passes there will be a lot of people doing without their medication

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Mark St. Clair

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Date: 8-6-24

Celina Adams

From: Tenda Offenoff

Rt. 1 Box 336

Bluefield W. Va. 24701

304-589-5550

This is a touching note from one of our patients

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the new rules for Senate bill 722, because my free clinic will have to stop giving out medicine.

Why I need medicine from my free clinic.

I need this Medicine because I don't have any insurance and my husband can't afford to pay. We have tried to get assistance attached and not able to work. This is the only way I can live is to get this medicine free. Hope we can get it from now on. Please help the poor and God will bless you

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Sincerely,

Tenda Offenoff

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[illegible] to get to the doctor's [illegible] prescriptions they need to survive. One of my board friends has [illegible] and would without the help of [illegible] would devastate [illegible] several people if these [illegible] to [illegible] close. I'd like to give my sincere thanks to the faculty and ask if there is anything I can do as a concerned citizen. I'm not sure of the situation, but I would offer my assistance for such sales or anything like that. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth
Brogan

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[illegible]

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Date: 8/14/08

From: _____

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Katja Felsinger, M.D.
512 Cherry Street
Building I
Bluefield, WV 24701

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From: Mary Azzo
1329 Liberty St.
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Mary K. Azzo

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Date: August 18 2008

From: Hikmet Aziz
1325 Liberty St.
Bluefield, WV. 24701

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Date: August 18, 2008

From: LEILA AZZO
1325 LIBERT ST.
BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

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Leila Azzo

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Date: 5/24/08

From: [illegible], MD, PhD
512 Cherry Street
Bluefield WV 24701

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512 Chemy Street Bldg I
Bluefield WV 24701

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