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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing regarding the Inquiry into pharmacy ownership. I am supportive of pharmacists owning pharmacies and having regulations around how many pharmacies a pharmacist can own. The focus of pharmacies should be on people's health needs and not on product sales and bottom line profit, which is primarily why I support the current regulations of pharmacists owning pharmacies.

I think of my local pharmacy as a support mechanism for the community. Knowing that only a pharmacist can own the pharmacy gives me reassurance of the privacy of the personal information they hold about me. It is a trusted environment where I can go to for help when I feel unwell instead of waiting to see a doctor.

I take regular medication for my ongoing conditions and have been very fortunate that I have not run out of medication in between doctor visits. It is impossible to get in to see my doctor the same day so I have to ensure I am on the ball with my scripts. It sometimes frustrates me having to wait to see my doctor just to get a script for medication that I have been taking for 18 years. I sometimes feel that I am wasting the doctor's and my time just to get a script for something that could have been provided to me through an easier process. I believe my doctor should still be the primary person monitoring my health and medication but if there were an easier way to get my regular scripts when a doctor visit is not necessary, I would be very supportive of this.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours faithfully

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