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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to notify you about my fears for the future of pharmacy in light of recent discussions about the potential Deregulation of Pharmacy ownership. I am a young pharmacist, about to become a partner in the business that I have managed for the last four years. This Pharmacy employees 27 staff and is apart of a group of 5 stores employing over 70 staff members. Our store is located directly next door to a Woolworths. We are successful, hard working, and we employ our local graduates as well as local community members to fill our staff numbers. All of our partners in the business are also working partners.

All of the talk in regards to the deregulation of pharmacies concerns me beyond no end. I am at the beginning of my Career, one that I have been working towards since I graduated from University. Owning a pharmacy was always the goal. Now I am beside myself with concern that everything that I have worked towards, a goal that not only myself but also many of my fellow graduates have set, seems like it is almost pointless or worthless - now that the concept of ownership could possibly be opened up to the general public or worse yet, big corporations such as a Coles Myer, Woolworths or any other large company.

Where does the professionalism lie anymore?

What is the point of working hard for all these years to provide a service to the public of high standard - when it all could be for nothing should the industry become deregulated. You will not only allow monopoly of yet ANOTHER hard working industry, but you will also see a significant decline in the number of pharmacy employees, including the number of University graduates - because who wants to work for an industry that (for lack of better term) will go down the toilet.

Please strongly consider these submissions when making your decision in regards to opening up Pharmacy ownership. Please keep this Industry professional and let it remain up to the very high standard currently set in Australia, and one that I personally am currently very proud to be apart of.

Kind Regards,

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