

Dear Chairman Solomon and Committee Members:

I am a second-year medical student at Brown and a founding member of our medical school's chapter of Students for a National Health Program. I am writing today in support of H. 7139. As a future physician, I believe that we need better oversight of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs).

PBMs serve as middlemen in the context of an often-opaque prescription drug market with ever increasing prices. According to a recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, PBMs have used [horizontal and vertical integration](#) to increase their market share in our healthcare system. The Federal Trade Commission has expressed concern and [opened an investigation](#) into PBM vertical integration practices and their effects on prescription drug price and access.

Oversight of PBMs is a common-sense policy solution that will benefit patients in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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