



March 18, 2024

The Honorable Chairwoman Donavan
House Committee on Health & Human Services
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairwoman Donavan:

Prime Healthcare – Landmark Medical Center strongly supports bill H7879, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – DEFENDING THE AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST ACT, sponsored by Representative Jon Brien. The 340B program enables organizations to purchase drugs at a discounted rate. Landmark Medical Center qualifies for the 340B program as a result of the high Medicaid population that we serve.

The savings that Landmark Medical Center receives from the 340B program allows us to cover cancer care and maternity services to the Woonsocket and Northern Rhode Island community close to home.

If a health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager were to reimburse for 340B drugs at a rate lower than that paid to entities that are not 340B entities our savings from the 340B program would be eroded. This would be a detriment to the patients and communities we serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to continuing to work with you to provide the highest quality care to the residents of Northern Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Brown
Chief Financial Officer