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RE: H807 An Act to ensure access to generic medications
DT: 16 November 2015

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the Joint Committee on Financial Service,

Thank you for considering *H807, An Act to ensure access to generic medications* before your committee on November 17th.

H.870 will provide very reasonable standards to ensure independent and small chain pharmacies are treated fairly by the large PBMs. The legislation will require:

- Insurers and pharmacy benefit managers to make generic drug price lists available to pharmacies;
- Update the list every 3 business days to catch the dramatic fluctuations in generic drug prices;
- Respond to an appeal from a pharmacy within 7 business days.

In the absence of these fair standards, pharmacies will be tempted to avoid carrying generic medications prone to price swings and dispense higher but more predictably priced brand name drugs.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H807, An Act to ensure access to generic medications* be released favorably and expeditiously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux