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Members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Daniel Lupariello, RPh. I have been a community pharmacist since 1972. My dad started our drug store, Lupes Drug Store #2 in Bridgeport, in the year 1946. For over 65 years we have helped the North End community in Bridgeport. I am proud of the foundation he provided me. It was always his goal that we get the (hard) products for the customers. I am talking about the odd ball items that the big chains often don't carry. He wanted us to be different and an asset to the community. We would search wholesalers all over to find that product no one else could provide. That is getting harder and harder to do in this era. Many drug companies will no longer take back outdated medicine and what has often happened in the past is that I would go out and track down a bottle of the needed medicine, dispense 30 pills, and get stuck with the last 70 pills. These seventy pills would just be a major waste and have to be destroyed at no reimbursement to our store. Basically what happens is that I get penalized for providing this medicine for the needy patient. I will say MOST manufacturers will take back their outdated medicine provided we turn it in within 6 to 12 months of going outdated. Most pharmacies use a return company who charge us a fee to handle these returns. I looked back over the last few years of returns and I came up with about 7500.00 yearly in non-returnable items. What this bill would do would be to take away that penalty I get for stocking meds for my customers. MOST major companies take them back! Please pass this law so that all manufacturers will take back all out-dates and allow me to continue to provide to the community what my dad taught me years ago to do! Thank You for listening!

Sincerely,

Daniel Lupariello, RPh