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The Honorable William M. Thomas  
House of Representatives  
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee  
2208 RHOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Medicare Reform will provide our nation's seniors with a new pharmaceutical benefit and improved access. Winn-Dixie is honored to support the bill you and your committee have developed because of the improvements to Medicare it will provide.

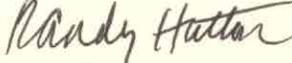
This bill will allow a broad range of competitive alternatives. Winn-Dixie's pharmacists, pharmaceutical manufacturers and others may offer drug discount cards or a prescription drug benefit to compete with pharmaceutical benefit managers.

In addition, this bill allows retail pharmacists to compete and provide seniors a convenient way of receiving a longer term, 90-day supply of their prescription. The bill also paves the way for seniors to make an educated decision among competing plans.

Seniors must have access to adequate pharmacy networks. As the legislative process unfolds, Winn-Dixie is anxious to work with you to evaluate the standards in this bill as well as alternatives that may be considered.

Winn-Dixie is most thankful for your leadership on this very important issue for the seniors of our great nation.

Regards,

  
Randy Hutton