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State Rep. Karl Van Roy's Statement on the Attempted Override to Restore Prescription Access for Those who Need it Most

Madison – State Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is reporting with deep regret that the Assembly fell just two votes short last night of overriding Governor Doyle's pharmacy related Medicaid vetoes. The result could be catastrophic especially for rural pharmacies and Medicaid patients.

"It's just wrong for the state to do what it's doing," said Van Roy. "Through his veto, Doyle is commanding pharmacists to dispense drugs at a loss. No business can operate at a loss."

Van Roy says that Doyle's veto could cause some pharmacies to close, particularly rural pharmacies which serve a greater percentage of Medicaid patients than urban pharmacies. In some areas of the state such as Lakewood or Crandon, the loss of just one pharmacy would mean that some residents would have to drive more than 90 miles round trip just to get their medicine.

"I commend the scattering of Democrats who joined the Republican majority in an attempt to restore this critical funding for our elderly and disabled populations," said Van Roy. "Although we were unsuccessful in this attempt, I hope that we will be able to work together again to find another fix for this urgent problem."

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