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Congressman Skelton visits community pharmacy, expresses dedication to important healthcare issues

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Missouri Pharmacy Association CEO Ron Fitzwater issued a statement today commending Congressman Ike Skelton on his continued support for the healthcare issues that impact Missouri patients and pharmacists.

“Congressman Skelton has been a constant advocate for a strong healthcare system that benefits both Missouri pharmacists and their patients. His efforts in Washington DC have helped to ensure that a patients’ right to choose their own pharmacy is protected and his visit to Red Cross Pharmacy proves he is interested in the issues that pharmacists face each day while serving their patients” Fitzwater said.

Yesterday Congressman Skelton visited Red Cross Pharmacy of Odessa where he took the opportunity to meet with practicing pharmacists, listen to their concerns, and discuss the issues that face them daily.

During their meeting Skelton highlighted his strong position on protecting the right of patients to choose the pharmacy that best suits their needs noting his efforts to prevent the U.S. governments Tri-Care system, utilized to provide health care benefits for US military personnel, from requiring all participants to receive medications from a mail-order service.

The Red Cross Pharmacy in Odessa is one of 14 pharmacies that make up Red Cross Pharmacy Inc., owned by Matt, Steve, and Scott Hartwig, all of Kansas City.

Established in 1879, the Missouri Pharmacy Association is the professional society representing Missouri pharmacists, united to improve public health and patient care, enhance professional development and advocate for the interest of the profession.

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