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I want to bring a couple of things to your attention related to our meeting.

First, I think we need people to be clear about their conflicts of interest. If people are receiving money from the pharmaceutical industry, they need to make that clear. Receiving such support does not mean that one's perspective is invalid, but it is a conflict of interest and conflicts need to be declared.

Second, I want to be clear about my main concern. It is as follows:

Fail first and WA's formulary restrictions are probably not an important contributor to why people living with HIV are not receiving adequate HIV care. Changing the current policy would impose high costs on the state and have very little beneficial impact on the most disadvantaged persons living with HIV. The commission should recommend that new HIV funding focus on things that would have much greatest impact on treating and preventing HIV and that meaningfully improve the lives of the most disadvantaged people with HIV. Priorities include putting new resources into low barrier care (i.e. models of care that allow people to access walk-in HIV medical care), housing, mental health and substance use services, food, and high intensity case management.

Thanks for your work on this project.

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