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Subject: SUPPORT Payment for Pharmacists Services (H5627) - **Stacey Ranucci**

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee,

My name is Stacey J. Ranucci, and I am writing in support of bill H5627 which would provide payment for pharmacists' services. As our healthcare system continues to evolve, it is crucial that we expand patient access to comprehensive, team-based care that improves outcomes and reduces overall healthcare costs.

Ambulatory care pharmacists play a vital role in chronic disease management, medication optimization, and patient education. Their integration within primary care teams has been shown to enhance medication adherence, improve patient safety, and reduce hospital readmissions. By financially supporting these positions, we can better address the growing needs of patients with complex medication regimens, particularly those with chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease. At Care New England, we work collaboratively as a team to support our patients. The in-patient teams transition patients to the outpatient teams. Financial support for the clinic-based outpatient teams is lacking and at risk of being eliminated.

I urge you to support legislative efforts that allocate funding and payment for ambulatory care pharmacists in primary care & specialty care settings. Investing in their services will lead to better health outcomes, *lower healthcare costs*, and improved access to high-quality care for our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your dedication to improving our healthcare system and look forward to your support on this important issue. Please feel free to reach out to me with any follow up questions or would like to further discuss.

Sincerely,

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