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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services

State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

RE: H7534 – RELATING TO BUSEINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – PHARMACIES

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Joseph Honig. I am currently a practicing pharmacist in the state of Rhode Island and President of the RI Pharmacists Association. **I am writing for the full support of H7534 – RELATING TO BUSEINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – PHARMACIES as a practicing pharmacist and on behalf of the RI Pharmacist Organization.**

This bill would increase the access to care for Rhode Islanders and improve patient care. As a practicing pharmacist in a pulmonary clinic in Rhode Island, improving access to lifesaving medications and payment for services will improve patient care and public health outcomes for ALL Rhode Islanders.

In my current role, I experience firsthand the delays and worsening health outcomes in patients who do not have access to smoking cessation care. Breaking down the barriers to pharmacists working collaboratively with patients to improve outcomes will have a profound benefit on the health outcomes for those who smoke, those who live with those who smoke, and children of those who smoke.

Thank you for your time.

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