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

State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

RE: H7934 – RELATING TO BUSINESSES 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 H7934 – RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES as a practicing pharmacist and on behalf of the RI Pharmacist Organization.**

This bill would increase the access to care for the children of Rhode Island and improve patient care. As a practicing pharmacist during the COVID-19 pandemic, I saw firsthand the impact pharmacists can have on improving access to life saving vaccines. Parents were often more comfortable bringing their children to a pharmacy for a vaccine instead of a doctor's office where there is often increased anxiety and nervousness.

Pharmacists are often the most accessible health care providers and have the training necessary to vaccinate and administer medications to patients of all ages.

Thank you for your time.

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