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The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Melissa A. Murray, Chair
Senator Pamela J. Lauria, Vice Chair
Senator Lori Urso, Secretary
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: SUPPORT - S2568 (Lauria), S2379 (Ujifusa) AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY –
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Chair Murray and members of the Committee:

We are writing to support two important bills that protect public health by requiring that vaccination recommendations across the lifespan are developed from evidence-based sources (S2568) and elimination of cost-sharing for RIDOH-recommended vaccinations (S2379).

Pharmacists are key partners in vaccine delivery. They advise and educate the public, caregivers, other healthcare professionals, agencies and policymakers like you on the safety and efficacy of vaccines. They also administer a significant number of vaccines across the lifespan in many healthcare and community settings, offering expanded access through on-demand appointments in locations with extended and weekend hours.

It's essential that these clinical services are delivered based on a firm, scientific foundation and that their access is not limited by financial barriers. These complementary bills insure that Rhode Islanders receive the most appropriate care, when and where they seek it.

Sincerely,

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