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The Honorable Chair Murray, Senate Health & Human Services  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: SUPPORT – S2856 – Vaccines 3-18 years**

Dear Chair Murray and members of the Committee:

I am submitting this letter to state my complete support of **S2856**. This bill would align with the Prep Act allowing pharmacists to provide routine, scheduled or recommended immunizations to individuals 3-18 years of age.

I have practiced as a community pharmacist for 26 years and have administered thousands of vaccines to both children and adults. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I provided immunizations to children as young as three years old. One of the most meaningful aspects of my work is the opportunity to care for the entire family. In my community pharmacy, we offer both walk-in and scheduled appointments, making vaccination accessible and convenient for busy working parents. One of my most rewarding experiences as a public health advocate was caring for a family of five; mom, dad, and their three children, ages 3 to 8. They were deeply appreciative to receive age-appropriate, patient-centered care at a time in the evening that best fit their schedule and helped minimize anxiety for their children. With evening and weekend availability, pharmacists are able to provide care when pediatrician offices are often closed. Pharmacists are the medications experts, accessible in a 24/7 fashion, yielding improved public health and healthy equity throughout our Rhode Island communities.

Sincerely,



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Walgreens Pharmacy, Community Pharmacist  
Visiting Nurse Home & Hospice, Transition of Care Pharmacist