

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee:

I am writing to provide clarification of the Maryland Pharmacists Associations (MPhAs) position and Letter of Information submitted on HB0171 State Board of Pharmacy - Membership - Veterinary Pharmacist.

I was unable to be present for the bill hearing today but did have a chance to watch the discussion. Our statement of information was based on the bill language, which references a veterinary pharmacist. Veterinary pharmacists are licensed pharmacists who specialize in the dispensing of medications for animals. Our statement was to inform the committee that in current law there is a pathway for a veterinary pharmacist to be nominated to serve on the Board of Pharmacy.

We have not indicated in any communications, verbal or written, that we are in support of or indifferent to a veterinarian serving on the Board of Pharmacy. Veterinarians are not veterinary pharmacists. As such, **we are opposed to a veterinarian being appointed to fill a pharmacist's seat on the Board on the Pharmacy.**

Thank you.

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