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To: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair, Senate Finance Committee

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Cc: Senate Finance Committee

Re: FAVORABLE HB 1315 – Vaccinations by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage for Immunizations

The Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA) and the Maryland Pharmacy Coalition (MPC) SUPPORT HB 1315 – Vaccinations by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage for Immunizations, as amended in the House.

Changes are happening at Federal agencies that have broad ramifications for the evidenced-based administration of vaccinations around the country and in Maryland.

Pharmacists' statutory guidance and education requirements for administering vaccinations in Maryland are based on the recommendations of CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice's (ACIP). The recent cancellation of ACIP meetings, regularly scheduled in February of each year, raised concerns within the public health community.

We are specifically concerned about the potential decommissioning of ACIP or other changes that could negatively impact this area of pharmacist's scope of practice.

As such, the amendments ensure that the most recent ACIP recommendations are codified, with the ability to accommodate new vaccines, as needed.

The bill, as amended, addresses our concerns and ensures that Maryland patients have access to pharmacist-administered vaccinations in their communities and other healthcare spaces.

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