**If first meeting:**

Dear [office member]:

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This recent event highlights the importance of pharmacists’ authorization to perform simple non-invasive tests in the state of NY. We would be interested in having a meeting concerning the CLIA-waived testing (S3467 Rivera) bill with you and Senator/Assemblymember X. We are available at the below dates/times. Please let us know if any of these times work for you and the Assemblymember/Senator.

Sincerely,

[your name]

**If follow-up meeting:**

Dear [office member]:

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us back in -----. We wanted to follow up on our conversation regarding CLIA-waived testing.

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Sincerely,

[your name]