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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo

Governor of New York State

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Governor Cuomo,

I am a member of the New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists, which represents thousands of health-system pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns throughout New York. As a member, I urge you to sign **S.1043-C (Funke)/A.2857-C (McDonald)**, the bill authorizing pharmacy interns to administer immunizations under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

It is imperative that pharmacists are given an opportunity to optimize their immunization skills in a supervised setting, such as when they are training as pharmacy interns. This has been recognized nationally, as pharmacy interns are already authorized to administer immunizations under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist in **47 states and the District of Columbia**

When you expanded the pharmacist scope of immunization under emergency proclamation earlier this year, it showed you recognized the key role pharmacists can play in ensuring the health and safety of New Yorkers. This legislation will ensure there are a sufficient quantity of highly trained immunizers available in communities throughout the state.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to sign this highly needed piece of legislation.

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