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HB 5290 An Act Concerning the Administration of Vaccines by Licensed
Pharmacists
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Representative Ritter, Senator Harris and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Carrie Rand-Anastasiades and I am the Executive Director of the CT Association of Community Pharmacies. We are a trade Association with members such as CVS, Walgreens, Big Y, and Price Chopper to name a few. I am here to offer support to HB 5290 An Act Concerning the Administration of Vaccines by Licensed Pharmacists.

CT pharmacies have become a destination of necessity and convenience for many citizens of the State. We are trained healthcare professionals who have, with H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines, been of a great services to many adults trying to protect and keep themselves health. We feel our services have also been a great benefit to the State of Connecticut. By getting the maximum umber of patients vaccinated we were successful in greatly reducing the outbreak of the H1N1 flu.

Because administration of the flu vaccines has been so successful we feel all vaccines should be included to provide patients with the most convenient way to keep themselves healthy. Thanks you for considering my testimony.