

Dear Chairman Abrams and Chairman Steinberg; Senator Somers and Representative Petit, and members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Krystal Scinto. I am a Third-Year Student Pharmacist at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy in Storrs, Connecticut.

I am writing in strong support of HB 6543, An Act Permitting Pharmacists to Prescribe Tobacco Cessation Products.

Tobacco use remains a major public health problem and therefore HB 6543 seems to me to be a “no-brainer.” Pharmacists are deeply qualified and trained healthcare professionals with special expertise in drug effects and interactions; pharmacies are part of the local community, and as members of the community they have exceptional availability to patients; and, importantly, patients visit pharmacies far more often than they visit their physician.

In other states, pharmacists have been providing tobacco cessation products for over 15 years without any problems.

The fact is that pharmacists can have a huge, positive impact in helping people to quit tobacco and I urge you to support HB 6543.

Thank you,

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