MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

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Authorizing Pharmacists to Administer ACIP-Recommended Adult Vaccines

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Treatment Action Group (TAG)

At this critical moment, we must keep our communities healthy and safe, which means building strong public health infrastructure through evidence-based interventions demonstrated to decrease health disparities in our communities.

- ✓ Pharmacists are a key partner in building this strong health infrastructure and have been giving certain vaccinations in New York since 2008.
- ✓ More than 90% of the nation's population live within two miles of a community pharmacy and over 95% live within five miles.
- ✓ Pharmacies traditionally have longer hours of operation making them more accessible for many for vaccination services.
- ✓ Expanding access will assist countless New Yorkers and remove barriers to vaccinations.
- ✓ More and more, consumers are turning to their local pharmacy for medical information, advice and services.

As public health, clinical and civic organizations we strongly urge passage of this legislation to allow pharmacists to administer vaccines.