

April 20, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer, Minority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Financial Relief for Pharmacy 501(c)(6) Non-Profits

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McCarthy, McConnell and Schumer:

On behalf of the undersigned pharmacy professional organizations, we would like to thank you for the steps you have taken to provide financial stability for some businesses and nonprofit groups in the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As you consider the next legislative package to address continuing economic and health concerns related to COVID-19, **we urge you to provide emergency financial relief, including the ability to participate in the Paycheck Protection Program, for 501(c)(6) tax-exempt pharmacy associations and professional societies that have been adversely impacted by this pandemic.**

At a time when healthcare professionals across America are caring for patients on the frontlines of this pandemic, 501(c)(6) nonprofit pharmacy organizations are playing a key role in our nation's response to the pandemic. Unfortunately, the CARES Act did not provide these organizations the emergency funds they desperately need.

501(c)(6) associations have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 just like small businesses and 501(c)(3) nonprofits. Without federal financial intervention, many 501(c)(6) organizations may be forced to cut staff or scale back on services to our nation's pharmacy professionals when they most need this help.

Pharmacy associations and professional organizations play an essential role in responding to the pandemic by developing clinical guidelines, assessing evidence for COVID-19 treatments, and developing best practices to protect the safety of our healthcare workforce. Continuing education is also a critical tool provided by many 501(c)(6) organizations to ensure that pharmacy professionals are providing high-quality, evidence-based care to their patients. Unfortunately, the ability of these 501(c)(6) organizations to provide important tools that support the pandemic response has been negatively impacted during the crisis.

As you advance future COVID-19 legislation, we urgently request critically needed financial support for the 501(c)(6) pharmacy community, including participation in the Paycheck Protection Program, so these

important associations can continue to serve as a trusted resource for healthcare professionals during the pandemic and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration and continued work of supporting our country during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

ASHP (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists)
American Pharmacists Association (APhA)
National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS)
Alabama Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ALSHP)
Arizona Pharmacy Association (AzPA)
California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP)
Colorado Pharmacists Society (CPS)
Connecticut Society of Health System Pharmacists (CSHP)
Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists (ICHP)
Indiana Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ISHP)
Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA)
Kansas Council of Health-System Pharmacy (KCHP)
Kentucky Society of Health-System Pharmacists (KSHP)
Maine Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP)
Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy (MSHP)
Massachusetts Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP)
Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA)
Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP)
Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP)
Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)
New Hampshire Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NHSHP)
New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists (NYSCHP)
North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP)
North Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NDSHP)
Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP)
Oregon Society of Health System Pharmacists (OSHP)
Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists (PSHP)
Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (PSW)
South Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SDSHP)
Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA)
Vermont Society of Health-System Pharmacists (VTSHSHP)
Washington State Pharmacy Association (WSPA)

Cc: Senator Charles Grassley (IA)
Senator Ron Wyden (OR)
Senator Lamar Alexander (TN)
Senator Patty Murray (WA)
Representative Frank Pallone (NJ)
Representative Greg Walden (OR)
Representative Richard Neal (MA)
Representative Kevin Brady (TX)