

(Local Organization Letterhead)

Statement in Support of Ending Tobacco Sales at Pharmacies

Whereas, a facility registered in the State of New York as a pharmacy, refers to the preparation and dispensing of drugs, as well as the counseling of patients in the proper use of these drugs,¹

Whereas, it is a conflict of interest for pharmacies, providers of health care, to also profit from the sale of harmful products such as tobacco, known to cause cancer, heart and pulmonary diseases.²

Whereas, tobacco sales in pharmacies raises ethical questions since tobacco is the only consumer product that, when used as intended, will kill at least one half of its long term users.³

Whereas, tobacco products are highly addictive and responsible for the preventable death of 25,400 people in New York each year;

Whereas, tobacco companies use health oriented stores such as pharmacies and drug stores to help legitimize their products and increase exposure to tobacco advertising;

Whereas, a majority of residents in _____ county/region support the ending of tobacco sale in pharmacies;

Whereas, the majority of pharmacists are opposed to pharmacies selling tobacco;

And whereas, pharmacists are also the most accessible of all health care providers and increasingly represent “the face of neighborhood healthcare;”⁴

Therefore, the _____ supports ending the sale of tobacco products in all pharmacies and stores that contain a pharmacy department.

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¹ What You Should Know About Pharmacists; NYS Education Department.

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⁴ National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Statement on Health Care Reform, November 19, 2008

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