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# Prescription FOR CHANGE



## Now is the time to end tobacco sales at pharmacies in New York State. Here's why:

- "Pharmacies are the face of neighborhood healthcare. Americans rely on their neighborhood pharmacies and pharmacists as easily accessible and trusted points of care."<sup>1</sup>
- 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.<sup>2</sup>
- Tobacco products are highly addictive and responsible for the preventable death of 25,400 people in New York each year.<sup>3</sup>

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