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**To:** Hon. Theresa Wood, Chair, House Committee on Human Services  
**From:** Jennifer B. Colin, Director, Office of Professional Regulation  
Emily Carr, General Counsel, Office of Professional Regulation  
**Re:** H.545, An act relating to issuing immunization recommendations

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.545 on Tuesday, 1/13.

We appreciate your inclusion of the language we suggested, to Sec. 3; 18 V.S.A. § 1131(b):

*(12) a practicing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, appointed by the Governor;*  
*(13) a practicing pharmacist licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 36, appointed by the Governor;*

However, our request for its inclusion was to replace the language found in Sec. 3 18 V.S.A. § 1131(b)(2) and (3):

*(2) the executive officer of the Vermont Board of Nursing or designee;*  
*(3) the executive officer of the Vermont Board of Pharmacy or designee*

We apologize for missing the note associated with Sec.6:

*Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Authority in Effect on Passage 16 through July 1, 2031*

OPR understands the Committee wishes for most of the statutory changes made by H.545 to sunset automatically. However, the changes OPR needs in 26 V.S.A. § 2023 should not sunset. In association with this, OPR kindly requests that the language added (yellow, below) to 26 V.S.A. § 2023(b)(2)(A)(vii) at line 14 on page 12 of VT LEG #386466 v.3 of H.545 be removed:

***(vii) recommended immunizations as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130***

Making this change will ensure that the pharmacy professionals will continue to provide vital healthcare under state-wide Commissioner of Health approved protocols.