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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

S.7025 (Cooney)/A.5152 (Solages)
Authorizing Registered Pharmacy Technicians to Administer Immunizations Under Direct Supervision of a Licensed Pharmacist

TO: Senator Cooney (cooney@nysenate.gov) and Assemblymember Solages (SolagesM@nyassembly.gov)
FROM: Global Healthy Living Foundation (GHLF)
RE: Support for S.7025 (Cooney)/A.5152 (Solages)

The Global Healthy Living Foundation (GHLF) strongly supports **S.7025 (Cooney)/A.5152 (Solages)**, which would authorize registered pharmacy technicians to administer the same immunizations as licensed pharmacists under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist. This measured expansion of the immunization workforce is a practical, patient-centered step to improve access to routine and seasonal vaccines across New York.

GHLF is a New York-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit international organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with chronic illnesses by advocating for improved access to health care through education, patient-centered clinical research, support, advocacy, and economic and policy research. GHLF is the parent organization of CreakyJoints®, the international, digital community for millions of people living with arthritis and their supporters worldwide who seek education, support, activism, and patient-centered research in English, Spanish, and French. In addition to arthritis and autoimmune disorders, GHLF supports dermatology, gastroenterology, neurology, cardiology, oncology, infectious diseases, rare diseases, and pulmonary patients through a host of programs and activities. GHLF is also a staunch advocate for vaccines.

GHLF's **Vaccine Advocacy, Research, and Education** initiatives focus on countering misinformation and improving equitable access to immunization for high risk and chronic disease populations. Through our Vaccine Hub (https://ghlf.org/vaccines/), we provide patient and policymaker facing education, promote shared decision-making, and highlight the importance of expanding convenient vaccination access points. Our policy work has also included coalition efforts advocating for laws that expand pharmacists' ability to provide vaccinations, supporting broader, lower-friction access in community settings. GHLF's Vaccine Hub also highlights practical access tools and resources that encourage patients and healthcare professionals to use pharmacies as reliable vaccination sites, particularly for older adults and high-risk populations.

New York specific access and equity considerations further strengthen the case for this legislation. Older adults, immunocompromised individuals, and people living with chronic disease face disproportionately high risks from vaccine-preventable illnesses, and timely access matters. In rural counties and other high-burden or underserved communities where primary care capacity may be limited and travel distances are longer, community pharmacies often serve as the most reliable, frequently accessed point of care. Expanding pharmacy technicians' capacity to administer immunizations under pharmacist

supervision can help reduce geographic and operational bottlenecks and close persistent access gaps across the state.

Pharmacies are among the most accessible settings for preventive care, particularly for individuals managing chronic illness and those facing barriers to transportation, time, and gaps in primary care access. Authorizing trained pharmacy technicians to administer immunizations under direct pharmacist supervision will expand capacity during seasonal surges, reduce missed vaccination opportunities, and reinforce the pharmacy's role as a trusted community access point.

This bill also offers a clear and appropriate patient safety framework. The direct supervision requirement helps ensure that technician-administered immunizations occur within a structured clinical environment that prioritizes training, oversight, and proper escalation to the supervising pharmacist when needed.

For these reasons, GHLF urges the Legislature to pass **S.7025 (Cooney)/A.5152 (Solages)**.