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The Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West, Miller Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Senate Bill 440 – Pharmacists – Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use – Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Pinsky:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of Support for Senate Bill 440 – Pharmacists – Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use.

Senate Bill 440 expands a pharmacist’s scope of practice to include the prescribing and dispensing of tobacco cessation aids. This will expand public access to these important treatments. By expanding access to tobacco cessation products, this legislation will promote public health in Maryland and advance the Board of Pharmacy’s mission to promote quality healthcare in the field of pharmacy. For these reasons, the Board of Pharmacy extends its formal support for this legislation.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 410-764-4753 or [deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov](mailto:deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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