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Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman  
Chair  
Higher Education Committee  
232-06A Merrick Blvd.  
Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

**Re: [S. 3236/A.678](#): Allowing pharmacy technicians to practice in any pharmacy under the supervision of a pharmacist**

Assembly Member Hyndman,

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on [S. 3236/A.678](#): Allowing pharmacy technicians to practice in any pharmacy under the supervision of a pharmacist.

NCPA represents America's community pharmacists, including 18,900 independent community pharmacies. Almost half of all community pharmacies provide long-term care services and play a critical role in ensuring patients have immediate access to medications in both community and long-term care (LTC) settings. Together, our members represent a \$94 billion healthcare marketplace, employ 205,000 individuals, and provide an expanding set of healthcare services to millions of patients every day. Our members are small business owners who are among America's most accessible healthcare providers.

As of December 31, 2024, there are 10,652 Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs) practicing in New York.<sup>1</sup> PTCB was founded by the [American Pharmacists Association](#); [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists](#); [Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists](#); and [Michigan Pharmacists Association](#); and joined by the [National Association of Boards of Pharmacy](#) in 2001 and the [National Community Pharmacists Association](#) in 2022.

Pharmacy technicians play a key role in pharmacies across all patient care settings. Pharmacy technicians not only enter and fill prescriptions and obtain medical histories, but also provide support in pharmacy automation, clinical informatics, and controlled substance diversion programs. Pharmacy technicians are also integral in preparing compounded sterile and non-sterile preparations including chemotherapy and hazardous drugs. **Therefore, NCPA supports S. 3236/A.678 which would allow pharmacy technicians in New York to practice in any pharmacy under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, namely to assist such licensed pharmacist, as directed, in compounding, preparing, labeling, or dispensing of**

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.ptcb.org/resources/state-regulations-and-map>.

**drugs used to fill valid prescriptions or medication orders or in compounding, preparing, and labeling in anticipation of a valid prescription or medication order.**

NCPA thanks the New York State Assembly for the opportunity to provide feedback, and we stand ready to work with the Assembly to offer possible solutions and ideas. Please let us know how we can assist further, and should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [steve.postal@ncpa.org](mailto:steve.postal@ncpa.org) or (703) 600-1178.

Sincerely,



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