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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 3, 2011
To: All House Members
From: Representative Tony DeLuca
Subject: Co-sponsorship of Legislation: Pharmacy Techs

I intend to re-introduce legislation (HB 528 of 2009) that will require pharmacy technicians to register with the State Board of Pharmacy and pass a board-approved certification examination.

Pharmacy technicians are unlicensed employees who are supervised by licensed pharmacists and assist in filling prescription orders. There is no standardized training or minimal education requirements for pharmacy technicians. With the volume of prescriptions increasing and a growing shortage of pharmacists, it is more important than ever that employees assisting the pharmacist be trained and have passed a standardized examination.

In addition to requiring certification, technicians will have to complete a board-approved training program. The bill also provides for grandfathering of technicians who can demonstrate proof of practicing as a pharmacy technician for at least three years.

Should you wish to cosponsor this legislation please contact Stacia R. Longenecker via email at slongene@pahouse.net or via phone 787-4437. Thank you.

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