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Endorsing the Joint Statement Supporting the VACCINES Act

Along with our colleagues at the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Physicians, American Osteopathic Association, and American Psychiatric Associations, The Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group (PPAG) endorses the Joint Statement Supporting the VACCINES Act issued on 5/22/2019.

As the leading pediatric pharmacy organization, we encourage our members to continue to advocate on behalf of our most vulnerable populations and support efforts to reduce vaccine hesitancy. The Joint Statement can be found here: [Joint Statement Supporting the VACCINES Act](#) and the full text of the bipartisan legislation here: [HR 2862 VACCINES Act](#). The public health crisis that we face as vaccination rates decline is becoming more evident.

Our organization has a responsibility to public health and the opportunity to advocate for science-based policies that improve the health of all children. We hope that our actions will inspire other pharmacy organizations to follow suit and endorse the Joint Statement.

Please reach out to your representatives [here](#) and ask that they vote in favor of this bill. As always, we hope that you will reach out to any of our board members if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

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