



May 15, 2023

RE: Protect Parents’ Choice to Continue to Access Childhood Vaccines at Neighborhood Pharmacies – Enact H.B. 1105 Rep. Price & Sen. Flores

Dear Lt. Governor Patrick and Members of the Texas Senate:

We are writing to urge your support for H.B. 1105, important legislation that will give parents the continued option to access childhood vaccines at local pharmacies. By allowing pharmacists to order and administer vaccines to children 3 years and older without a prescription from another healthcare provider, this bill will make it simpler for families who prefer to utilize their neighborhood pharmacy’s childhood vaccine services to do so.

Over the past several years, temporary federal policies have authorized Texas pharmacists to order and administer childhood vaccines without a prescription from another healthcare provider. Texans are now accustomed to having the choice to take their children to a pharmacy for routine childhood vaccines. With deepened public reliance on pharmacies for this type of care, 61% of Texans want to keep the policies in place that have made it easier to access vaccine services from at their pharmacy.

Maintaining access to childhood vaccines at Texas pharmacies helps busy and working parents. 85% of Texans say it is very or somewhat easy to access pharmacies, ranking their accessibility the highest among healthcare destinations tested. Pharmacies are commonly open hours that extend into the evening and weekends, providing a convenient option for parents to take children to receive routine childhood vaccines without having to take time off work.

Please protect parents’ choice to continue to access childhood vaccines at pharmacies by voting in support of H.B. 1105.

Sincerely,

Coalition of Texas with Disabilities
 Texans for Affordable Healthcare
 Texas Association of Business
 Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute
 Texas Federation of Drug Stores
 Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute
 Texas Impact

Texas Pharmacy Association
 Texas Pharmacy Business Council
 Texas Retailers Association
 Texas Rural Health Association
 Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists
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