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Dear Leaders and Members of the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives:

We write on behalf of seniors in Arizona to urge you to vote for, to pass, and to enact SB 1085, important legislation supporting public access to essential healthcare services through community pharmacies. A recent survey conducted by Morning Consult found that 85% of Arizona adults say pharmacists are easy to access, making pharmacists the highest ranked healthcare destinations in this category. We find that America's seniors – in particular – trust, value, and rely upon their pharmacists and their local pharmacy. Simply put, highly educated pharmacists make quality care available in a highly convenient format.

This bill would enhance healthcare options and capacity across the state. It would help to improve health outcomes, access, cost-effectiveness. It also would reach those who otherwise may go without care. Specifically, SB 1085 would authorize pharmacists to offer routine testing for health conditions such as flu; strep throat; and a respiratory illness, condition or disease – in addition to providing appropriate treatment based on testing results. This streamlines the process for people to receive testing and treatment in one place.

We urge you to advance and enact SB 1085 so that the people of Arizona maintain enhanced healthcare access options in their local communities. Pharmacies remain a critical healthcare access point for many Americans to receive essential healthcare services – including in medically underserved areas, and among rural and urban communities alike.

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cc: Members of the Arizona Senate
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The 60 Plus Association is a 32-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security and Medicare, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues affecting senior citizens, 60 Plus calls on support from over 10 million activists across the country. 60 Plus has been called, "an increasingly influential senior citizen's group".

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