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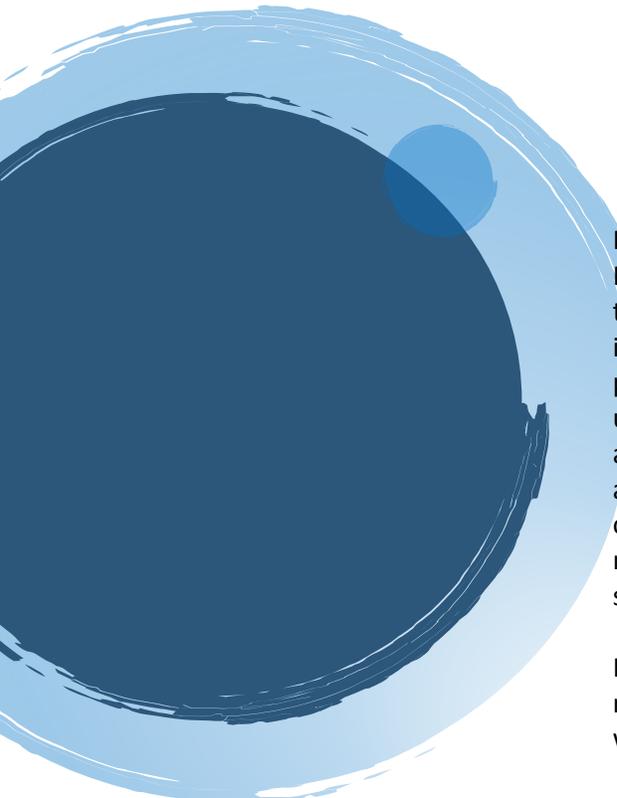
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Since graduating from Pharmacy at the University of Toronto in 2004, the profession has been constantly evolving. I have been very fortunate to work in environments where I was able to experience the impact of this evolution first-hand. It is for this reason helping shape the future of pharmacy is a true passion of mine. It is my hope to leave behind a legacy which showcases our wonderful profession and the extensive skillset pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students embody.

With this vision in mind, and with great enthusiasm, I submit my nomination to serve on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Pharmacists Association.

I have dedicated the past 16 years of my career supporting pharmacies in the implementation of patient services and navigating daily challenges. My role at Pharmasave has allowed me to serve the **independent pharmacy community**, supporting some of the most innovative practices in the industry. I have also continued to maintain my Part A license and work as a **front-line staff-pharmacist** and understand your unique concerns first-hand. **My extensive experience with front-line pharmacists, pharmacy owners, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students has reinforced to me, the work we do is essential for the viability of the health care system.**

Patients recognize pharmacists as the most trusted and accessible health care providers, and this was even further demonstrated throughout the pandemic. In the past few year's pharmacists have gained some traction in working towards expanding pharmacist scope of practice. We need to continue this positive momentum, educating stakeholders and patients, ensuring they believe in our value as well. Although optimistic that public perception of pharmacists has improved, right now, we must continue to advocate, ensuring for example, pharmacists are fairly compensated for their work - which if elected, I will do on your behalf.



I currently serve on a few OPA committees, including Professional Practice, Economics Committee & Owners Advisory Council. Through these experiences, I have had the opportunity to understand the intricacies and variables involved in impacting positive change. The process also enabled me to grow as a pharmacist and to better understand the only way we can move forward as a profession, is by actively participating in critical discussions and through advocacy. We also need to move beyond 'discussing' our concerns at a pharmacy or organizational level – and work together to find optimal solutions. Elect me, so we can have these candid discussions with the appropriate stakeholders, on your behalf.

In closing, if there was ever a time for advocacy and driving change, it is right now. I would be honored to serve on your behalf, helping ensure we overcome industry challenges and build a bright pharmacy future.

I thank you for your consideration.

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