

## **Candidate Statement**

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My name is Rich DeBenedetto and I ask for your support as the next Vice President of Maryland Pharmacists Association. As the association that represents all pharmacists in Maryland, MPhA has made great strides for improvements within pharmacy. However, now is not the time to sit idly, we still have much to work on in areas of reimbursement, education, and scope of practice, in order to provide the best care possible for our patients.

I joined MPhA with the goals of service to the profession, and moving pharmacy ahead. As your Vice President and President I will commit myself to those goals all over again and do what it takes to serve the pharmacy community within Maryland. My service to MPhA through speaking engagements, serving on the Board, as Vice Speaker, and Speaker of the House, have helped me to grow as a professional, built connections and experience that have helped me to advance my career and pharmacy, and I look forward to continuing this in the future.

I hope that my experience within MPhA can bring us toward a future with a broad representation of pharmacists, technicians, and students within the organization. I also hope for a future where as an organization we can provide the advocacy and education for pharmacists to play a broader role in patient health, where technicians and students can be utilized to help expand the role of pharmacy and provide a better life for our patients. Thank you for your support.