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As a pharmacist in a small city owning my own pharmacy, I have had the opportunity to develop special relationships with many of my clients. I support the OPA's position that pharmacists should be able to refill chronic medications defined under a set protocol. There are many times where family physicians are unable to be contacted and I believe that pharmacists are medication management experts and are more than capable of refilling chronic medications for these patients.

Pharmacists are willing and able to play an important role in making Ontario's health care system more efficient and effective. To make the most of our accessibility and expertise as pharmacists, our scope of practice needs to expand so we have greater responsibility for prescribing decisions, and the tools we need to monitor drug therapy outcomes, to better meet the needs of Ontarians now and in the future. With the shortage of family physicians currently in the province of Ontario, the need for an expanded scope of practice for pharmacists is urgent to relieve the demand on the health care system.

Yours Sincerely,
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