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Michigan Representatives Dianda and Vaupel to Receive Legislator of the Year Awards

Michigan Representatives Scott Dianda and Hank Vaupel will be presented with the Michigan Pharmacy Political Action Council (PAC) Legislator of the Year Award at the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 23-25 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

The Legislator of the Year Award is presented annually by Pharmacy PAC to legislators who have introduced or supported good public policy and have been supportive of the profession of pharmacy.

Rep. Scott Dianda represents Michigan's 110th House District which includes Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties as well as Powell and Ishpeming townships in Marquette County. Rep. Dianda is currently serving his third term representing those counties. He serves on the Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee, the Energy Policy Committee and the Regulatory Reform Committee. Previous to his time in the legislature, Rep. Dianda worked as a transportation maintenance worker for the Michigan Department of Transportation and owned a small retail store near Calumet. He has also served as the president of Calumet Village and the Michigan State Employees Association.

Rep. Hank Vaupel represents Michigan's 47th House District which comprises Livingston County. He was first elected to the legislature in November 2014. He is the chair of the Health Policy Committee and is a member of the Insurance Committee, the Michigan Competitiveness Committee and the Tax Policy Committee. Before serving in the legislature, Rep. Vaupel was as a captain in the United States Army from 1968-1971, and in 1972, opened an independent veterinary practice in Livingston County. He is involved in his local community in several leadership positions including secretary for the village of Fowler DDA, board member of the Fowlerville Area Fire Authority and Handy Township Supervisor.

Both Rep. Dianda and Rep. Vaupel are being recognized for their commitment to the pharmacy profession and the advancement of health policies that will positively impact the health outcomes of Michigan's patients. The representatives serve as co-chairs of the Michigan House of Representatives Pharmacy Caucus, a bipartisan alliance of legislators who advocate on behalf of pharmacists across the state of Michigan. The Pharmacy Caucus provides information, opportunities for discussion and solutions that promote the important role which pharmacists play as healthcare providers in Michigan. This Caucus functions to bring greater awareness to pharmacy issues impacting the profession and provides a space for legislators and State officials to discuss solutions to the healthcare issues impacting Michigan's residents.

The Michigan Pharmacy Political Action Council (PAC) is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of pharmacy professionals that actively seeks to promote good government and public health. Pharmacy PAC serves as the advocacy arm of Michigan Pharmacists Association, which advances the profession of pharmacy and patient care on behalf of the 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in the state.

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