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Michigan Pharmacists Association Promotes Arika Sinnott to Director of Governmental Affairs

Lansing, Mich. – Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Chief Executive Officer Larry Wagenknecht is pleased to announce Arika Sinnott has been promoted to the position of director of governmental affairs. For more than twenty years Sinnott has worked in a variety of positions in both the executive and legislative branches of state government, including chief-of-staff, legislative director, communications director and constituent services director. She has experience with bringing together many constituencies (local, state, federal), drafting relevant legislation and navigating it through the legislative process. Her legislative experience allowed her to testify in front of numerous Michigan House and Senate committees on a variety of issues, manage campaign fundraising, plan events and press conferences, write newsletters, articles and op-ed pieces for publication, and serve as a media spokesperson.

Sinnott originally joined MPA in 2017 as the manager of governmental affairs. Her responsibilities focused on working to advance and promote the policies and positions of MPA. In a short period of time, she demonstrated her ability to serve as MPA's day-to-day lobbyist at the state Capitol, provide expert testimony for the pharmacy profession and provide information to legislators on pharmacy-related issues.

As the director of governmental affairs, Sinnott is responsible for leading the Association's legislative team to promote and advance the policies and positions of MPA as well as furthering the interests of the Association through legislative and regulatory channels. Not only will she monitor legislation, but she will also be responsible to answer pharmacy law inquiries.

"We are fortunate to have Arika as our director of governmental affairs and lead our legislative initiatives," said Larry Wagenknecht, MPA CEO. "Her experience and knowledge of the legislative system combined with her established network will serve our members and the profession well."

"I have enjoyed working at the Michigan Pharmacists Association and gaining a better understanding of the pharmacy profession. I am excited to have the opportunity to direct the Association's legislative initiatives and help advance the profession of pharmacy. MPA has a history of continuing to move the profession forward. I am excited to contribute the skills I have gained in the legislative arena into my new role as the director of governmental affairs."

Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) was established Nov. 14, 1883. and represents nearly 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in Michigan. For more than 130 years, MPA has strived to provide its members with the tools, resources and support needed to advance the profession of pharmacy and provide quality patient care. For more information, please visit our website at MichiganPharmacists.org.

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