



December 20, 2021

The Honorable J.B. Pritzker  
Office of the Governor  
Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
State Board of Pharmacy  
555 West Monroe Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60661

**Re: Glen J. Gard, CPhT, CSPT – Pharmacy Technician Appointment for Illinois Board of Pharmacy**

Dear Governor Pritzker:

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) would like to express our sincere appreciation of your signature of House Bill (HB) 3497<sup>1</sup> in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Illinois General Assembly which amended the Pharmacy Practice Act to establish a seat on the State Board of Pharmacy for a pharmacy technician. APhA has been a longtime advocate of optimizing the role of the pharmacy technician and is a founding partner of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). We appreciate the leadership of your administration in taking steps to ensure the valuable perspective of a pharmacy technician is represented on the Board of Pharmacy.

APhA is the largest association of pharmacists in the United States advancing the entire pharmacy profession. APhA represents pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in all practice settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, specialty pharmacies, community health centers, physician offices, ambulatory clinics, managed care organizations, hospice settings, and government facilities. Our members strive to improve medication use, advance patient care and enhance public health. In Illinois, APhA represents pharmacists, students, and pharmacy technicians that practice in numerous settings and provide care to many of your constituents. As the voice of pharmacy, APhA leads the profession and equips members for their role as the medication expert in team-based, patient-centered care. APhA inspires, innovates, and creates opportunities for members and pharmacists worldwide to optimize medication use and health for all.

**APhA recommends Glen J. Gard for appointment as the pharmacy technician member of the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy.**

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<sup>1</sup> Illinois House Bill 3497. 102<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. Available at <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=3497&GAID=16&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=132501&SessionID=110&GA=102>.

Mr. Gard is a national expert in sterile compounding and has been immensely involved in state and national associations. His contributions have resulted in numerous awards and recognition. Mr. Gard's perspective on the Board of Pharmacy would be invaluable due to his extensive experience in implementing state and federal regulations in his professional roles.

APhA is honored to recommend Glen J. Gard for appointment as the pharmacy technician member of the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy. If you have any questions or there is anything we can do to further support this recommendation, please don't hesitate to contact E. Michael Murphy, PharmD APhA Advisor for State Government Affairs by email at [mmurphy@aphanet.org](mailto:mmurphy@aphanet.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ilisa BG Bernstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

**Ilisa BG Bernstein, PharmD, JD, FAPhA**  
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American Pharmacists Association