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I support this bill for the increased access to routine vaccination for our pediatric patients. As a pediatric PA I have seen multiple cases of pertussis over the year, something prevented by the routine DTAP vaccine. Some of these patients were hospitalized for severe respiratory distress and required intubation. The danger it poses to the child's life is heartbreaking and the trauma it causes for families is fully preventable. Our new parents are very busy and if health plans would cover vaccination for our routine childhood vaccinations at pharmacies it would help make getting through these early childhood vaccines as convenient as possible.