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**Ontario College of Pharmacists,
District N Election 2018**

To my Ontario Pharmacist Colleagues, District N

I am pleased to introduce myself to our District as a candidate for this year's District N Council election.

My name is Felvant (Fel) dePadua and I would like to ask you to consider supporting me by voting for me in this election N. My goal is to support the College's mandate to serve and protect the public and hold Ontario's pharmacy professionals accountable to established legislation and associated standards and policies, while bringing the perspective of our unique district to Council deliberations.

Originally from the west, I graduated from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition from the University of Saskatchewan in 2005. Coming from a family of medical professionals, I have always had a great passion for providing health care and improving outcomes for my patients. Having family members in many areas of health care, I also have a unique appreciation for the wide breadth of services and challenges that many other practitioners face today. My family and I have resided in London, Ontario since 2009. I am the Associate Owner of, and practicing pharmacist at, my Shoppers Drug Mart locations, and I continue to involve myself wherever my profession permits.

Throughout my professional career, I have been heavily involved within the communities I serve, and in our profession. I have enjoyed both teaching, and learning from, the many students and interns that have joined my teams over the years. I have been engaged in our Shoppers Drug Mart region as a Peer Representative, bringing the perspectives of Associate Owners and Pharmacy Teams forward to help inform current matters, and future direction, and I have been a mentor for many of my colleagues.

I am currently actively involved in several pharmacy technician colleges as well as both of Ontario's pharmacy universities with the goal of developing and ensuring talent in our future generations of pharmacy professionals.

Since 2014, I have been involved in the Shoppers Drug Mart Professional Practice Working Group. This group was put together to create avenues of support and direction for pharmacists who aim to work within their full professional scope. With an enhanced level of authority and scope, pharmacists today must make changes in their day-to-day operation in order to provide the best possible care we can deliver. This involves

collaboration with pharmacists and other stakeholders to create and communicate best practices throughout the province.

Since 2015, I have served on the following committees: Ontario College of Pharmacists (Discipline and Patient Relations) and Ontario Pharmacists Association (Insurance Committee). This involvement has been a key driver for my interest in continuing my path at the college. I've been privileged to work with a very diverse group of individuals on serious matters surrounding the safety of our public. I feel strongly that the experience I've drawn from this has provided me with the confidence and ability to engage at the Council table as a fully contributing member, and in doing so, supporting the continuation of our College's important work.

I truly believe that through collaboration between members of our College, and with the many other stakeholders in health care, we will continue to improve and evolve our profession. The true goal for us is to improve our patient's, and the public's, quality of life and health outcomes.

Fellow colleagues, I would be honored to be a part of our College Council as a result of this upcoming election. I believe I have the ability and experience to address the opportunities and issues facing our profession today.

I respectfully ask you to consider supporting me by voting for me in the upcoming election.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fel dePadua', with a large, stylized initial 'F'.

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OCP Council Nominee, District N