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Representative Fred Wood Chairman, Health & Welfare Idaho House of Representatives P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0081

Senator Lee Heider Chairman, Health & Welfare Idaho State Senate P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0038

Dear Chairman Wood and Chairman Heider:

As faculty members at Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, we write to you in strong support of House Bill 191.

This bill would increase patient access to simple, low-risk medications. Such an approach increases consumer access and can lower healthcare costs.

The Idaho State University College of Pharmacy recognizes the transformative potential of this bill for our profession. We have been training our students for many years to ensure our graduates are prepared for a broadened scope of prescriptive authority. Pharmacists are recognized as medication experts on the healthcare team, and they are consistently rated as among the most trusted professionals in the country.

As educators of future pharmacists, we are eager and excited to increase access to heathcare, particularly in a state with one of the lowest physician to patient ratios in the country. This bill is an important step in helping pharmacists be better leveraged to achieve their full potential in the state of Idaho, which can significantly improve public health goals for our state.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Cady, PhD Dean & Professor

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