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Dear Members of the Board,

One of the issues that has become apparent to me in my 32 years as a practicing pharmacist in the state of Nevada is the value of a competent and well-trained pharmacy technician. I have voluntarily stepped away from traditional pharmacy practice in order to use my expertise to train pharmacy technicians; because I feel so strongly that the future of pharmacists and pharmacy lies in the education of our pharmacy technicians.

With that objective in mind, I would like to request to be placed on the agenda for the June 1st meeting in Reno. Adrienne Santiago and I want to do a short presentation for the Board on the value of mandated formal education for newly licensed pharmacy technicians in our state. We should only need 15 to 20 minutes of your time.

Prescription drug abuse continues to be a problem in our state. When technicians-in-training invest a substantial amount of time and effort in educating themselves, I believe they are less inclined to treat their license in a cavalier manner and are less likely to divert prescription drugs. We hope to be able to present data that supports that position, as well as data that shows how patients benefit from formally educated pharmacy technicians. We appreciate your time.

Sincerely,



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