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Good Afternoon Ms. Sodergren,

I would like to address the expiring remote working waiver that was put in place for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians during the pandemic. My colleagues and I have discussed this change and feel it important that we voice our concerns regarding this decision.

Over the past two years we have all needed to adjust to working from our respective home offices where we have been able to work more efficiently and more proactively. Technicians are more focused and productive in our own work environments without having to deal with the extra noise and distractions of a packed office.

As we do not work hands on with medications, our company has converted some of the office space to allow our colleagues that do handle medication a larger space to work more efficiently. This allows us the opportunity to produce and complete more orders and serve more patients that rely on us to deliver their essential medication and supplies.

Many of our technicians have a long commute to get to our office which requires us to leave the house very early. One in twenty-five drivers will fall asleep at the wheel, putting themselves and those around them at risk (Population Health Division, 2022). While working from home, we save on fuel and repairs to our vehicles, which personally could reduce my gross income by around \$2700 per year on average. With the notable decrease in traffic on the roads air pollution has also been reduced, aligning with California's clean air policies.

As a team and a community, we are concerned with each other's well-beings. Some of our colleagues suffer from anxiety and depression. In overcrowded work areas it can be difficult to preform to the high standards we all hold ourselves to. Fewer people have called out sick during this time. One of our chief concerns is the heightened risk of illness spreading in an office environment. Studies have shown that colds and flu spread faster in an office setting. Covid 19 is still active in some areas, requiring some to move back into quarantine.

My fellow pharmacy technicians and I would like to mitigate any of these possibilities by remaining in our current work from home environments. The flexibility that remote work offers us along with saving money and time on our commute is very important to us. We all look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Thank you, Yours truly

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