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Dear Governor Newsom:

\*\*\*\*Via Email and US Mail\*\*\*\*

As Deans of Schools of Pharmacy in California we are making an appeal to you to issue an executive order declaring pharmacists and licensed intern pharmacists as essential front-line healthcare providers as part of the COVID-19 emergency declaration. Pharmacists and intern pharmacists are engaged throughout the healthcare system on the front lines of the COVID-19 response. We believe it was an oversight that pharmacists were not listed in previous declarations (CCR Title 17 Section 2500 (a)(14)) as health care providers with privileges and appropriate access to compensation for services provided.

As you've outlined in your declaration and inclusion of pharmacists in the California Medical Reserve Corps, we acknowledge that the administration appreciates and recognizes pharmacists. Taking this additional step will ensure all barriers to optimal patient care during the COVID-19 crisis are removed.

Respectfully,

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