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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide a supporting letter for the nomination of Anthony Pudlo, PharmD, MBA for a Business Record Forty under 40 award. Anthony is a 2007 graduate of Drake University, receiving both his Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and Masters of Business Administration degrees. Anthony's post-graduate training included the completion of a pharmacy practice residency with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, based with Kerr Drug, Inc. in Chapel Hill, NC. Anthony is a life-long learner and has become a Mental Health First Aid Instructor, completed the American Pharmacists Association's Pharmaceutical Care for Patients with Diabetes program, and is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist.

Anthony is currently the Vice President of Professional Affairs for the Iowa Pharmacy Association, serving in that role for the past 8 years. Through that role as well as his other accomplishments, Anthony is taking a leadership role in major projects that will improve care for the citizens of Iowa, particularly those in the rural settings that do not currently have adequate access to health care services.

Anthony's work includes the following:

- Coordinating professional programs and initiatives such as the Iowa Pharmacy New Practice Model that increases patient care services in rural Iowa by enhancing pharmacist's scope of practice and technician product verification.
- Facilitating IPA advisory and policy committees and task forces, collaborating with several IPA members to develop policy.
- Serving as a liaison to various regulatory and state agencies including the Board of Pharmacy and Iowa Department of Public Health.
- Coordinating updates and dissemination of the Iowa Pharmacy Law and Information Manual, as well as hosting a podcast following each Iowa Board of Pharmacy meeting to update members on new rules and regulations.
- Facilitating the TakeAway medication disposal program, an effort to properly remove unused and expired medications to prevent diversion and abuse of prescription drugs as well as to protect our water supply.
- Directing leadership development activities including the Bill Burke Student Leadership Conference and the Leadership Pharmacy Conference for new practitioners.
- Serving as a liaison to Student Pharmacists, Resident Pharmacists, and Pharmacy Technicians in Iowa.
- Precepting fourth-year Student Pharmacists, the Max W. Eggleston Executive Intern, and the IPA Executive Fellow.

While many of the above activities have been listed as work of the Iowa Pharmacy Association Board, members or staff, Anthony is often the person behind the scenes making the work happen. Of special importance to the state of Iowa, Anthony has worked closely with the Board of Pharmacy to implement the Patient Monitoring Program, an effort to impact the opioid epidemic in the state of Iowa. His work has assisted the Board in a successful implementation. He has also been involved

with other organizations to implement opioid educational programs for health care professionals and the public.

Prior to his return to Iowa in 2010, Anthony served in various roles with Kerr Drug and Kerr Health, advancing from his entry-level position as a pharmacist to Clinical Coordinator, and then Regional Clinical Director and Residency Director.

In addition to his role as the VP of Professional Affairs, Anthony also serves as an adjunct assistant professor for our College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences as well as for the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. He is always ready and willing to assist when asked, which often includes presentations – sometimes with short notice if he is substituting for someone who had to cancel - to student pharmacists about the role of state associations, his unique career pathway, policy development, state and national professional issues, and welcome presentations to our incoming first year doctoral students as well as our PharmD graduates. Our students are better professionals because of their interactions with Anthony. He is also involved on a volunteer basis with our professional student organizations, encouraging students to take on national roles. One of our students was just elected the national president of the largest student organization representing over 10,000 student pharmacists. Anthony assisted her with her decision to run as well as her election campaign.

Anthony is also a part-time pharmacist for NuCara and Hy-Vee pharmacies in the central Iowa area. From 2010 until 2016, Anthony served on the Drake University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences National Advisory Council. Even though he has a busy schedule, he made it a commitment to attend the semiannual meetings.

Not surprising, Anthony's work over the years has resulted in him receiving the following awards:

- Young Alumni Loyalty Award from Drake University – 2015
- Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity Psi Chapter - Alumni of the Year – 2014
- Community Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores - 2011
- Young Alumni Achievement Award from Drake University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences – 2011
- Clinical Coordinator of the Year from Kerr Health - 2009.

Anthony has taken to heart a quote from Bob Osterhaus, previous state representative and national pharmacy leader -- "If it is good for the patient, it is good for pharmacy". In all that he does, Anthony works to make life better for the patients of Iowa, knowing that those actions will also improve the environment for pharmacists to practice.

Thank you for your consideration of Anthony for this award. If there are any questions regarding his qualifications and characteristics in consideration of this award, please do not hesitate to contact me at [renae.chesnut@drake.edu](mailto:renae.chesnut@drake.edu) or 515-271-2883.

Sincerely,



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