ELGIN LIONS CLUB PO BOX 1175 ELGIN, OR 97827

March 4, 2021

RE: Support for a Pharmacy in Elgin, Oregon

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being sent in support of a pharmacy in Elgin, Oregon. Our club has over 60 members, most of whom are retired and have one or more medication we are taking, so we are well aware of the need for a pharmacy here in Elgin.

The nearest pharmacy to us is 20 miles away in La Grande. For our oldest members, and for all of us during inclement weather conditions, making this trek is not always possible or safe when a new medication has been prescribed or when a refill is needed,

We have been without a pharmacy in town since our last pharmacist retired over 15 years ago and closed his business, as he was unable to find an interested buyer. Being a small rural community, we just do not have enough population to attract an independent pharmacist or a chain type store.

When we discussed this issue at our meeting last night several members present noted examples of local residents they were aware of who were foregoing their Medications as they just could not make it to La Grande or afford the added cost of doing so. The support among our members for a pharmacy in town was unanimous.

Thank you so much for doing anything possible to help us find a way to offer these much needed services in Elgin again.

Sincerely,

Kathy Oliver, President

Elgin Lions Club