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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I believe in the NCBA CLUSA mission to develop, advance and protect the cooperative enterprise. As someone who has spent most of my career working for a cooperative, I have seen firsthand how working together and leveraging shared resources through the cooperative model can benefit everyone involved from suppliers to consumers. I believe that collaborative partnerships are the key to our current and continued success. NCBA CLUSA helps provide the foundation and guidance for cooperatives to be successful.

I am the SVP of Finance & Accounting for Independent Pharmacy Cooperative (IPC). IPC is a group purchasing cooperative established in 1984 for the purpose of helping independently owned retail pharmacies compete with the chain pharmacies. IPC believes that our neighborhood pharmacy members provide better care and service to their patients. We are also proud that our member pharmacies are very much invested in the success of their local community. IPC members are in many of the rural communities that are not densely populated enough for the chain pharmacies to penetrate. I have always found it very rewarding to be part of a group that is helping to bring healthcare to these underserved communities. Our membership is comprised of many single store and multiple store owners. Our main goal is to leverage our resources to accomplish what they are unable to do on their own.

We are proud of the fact that our membership is diverse with many minority stores owners. As a member of IPC's Change for the Future Committee, we seek to demonstrate IPC's commitment to diversity and inclusion by increasing awareness of implicit bias and inequity. Recommendations by our committee have resulted in IPC making annual donations to a variety of charities in our communities to further this cause. We seek to make a difference and be part of the solution. This committee was also responsible for IPC creating a new program whereby employees of the Company are encouraged to volunteer up to 8 hours per year on company time towards causes for social justice.

Over my 33 years of working for IPC, I have been involved with recruiting new members, fundraising activities and advocating for the cooperative way of doing business. I have learned a lot about cooperatives and the challenges we face as a business sector. I believe that regardless of the type of coop, we all share

similar challenges and I believe if elected, I could collaborate and play a role in helping NCBA CLUSA succeed in addressing challenges as they arise.