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Dear Future Colleague,

How are you? I hope you and your loved ones are all healthy and doing well given the extraordinary circumstances we’re living in. In these challenging times wrought with uncertainty, it’s reassuring to know that professionals like yourself are out there doing your best to care for us. It must not be easy. It’s a very challenging time to be a healthcare provider. Even under the best of circumstances, healthcare providers like yourself are under a tremendous amount of stress given the life or death decisions that you face every day. I don’t think you need me to tell you how crucial the work that you do is nor how appreciative and fortunate we are as a community to have you. The work that you have done and continue to do is incredibly inspiring. It provides me with much needed hope and reaffirms my decision to become a pharmacist.

Words are not enough to state the amount of admiration and gratitude that I have for you. As a pharmacy student and as someone who has had to overcome a serious illness, I have first-hand knowledge of the level of care and dedication that you have for your patients, community, and profession. I am where I am today in part because of the sacrifices that healthcare providers like yourself and your families have made. From the countless hours of studying and long arduous shifts to missed family functions, I’ve seen your sacrifices. I don’t know how to adequately state my gratitude in words or how to ever show it. However, I believe the best way for me to do so would be to pay it forward whether it be through volunteering at the hospice I visit, providing service at the pharmacy that I intern at, or continuing with my studies with the belief that I too will one day be able to serve patients with the same level of professional and compassion that you have demonstrated. It is my hope that I will be able to work alongside you in the future. I know you must have many incredible stories to tell and great knowledge to pass on.

Again, thank you so much for the outstanding service that you have provided to the community. Thank you for leading by example and for being exceptional role models to whom I can look up to. I hope you are able to maintain your physical, mental, and emotional health. Please stay safe and take care.

Sincerely,

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