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To the Esteemed Members of the Nevada State Board of Oriental Medicine,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Shaylene Brumley, and I am writing with deep respect and humility to request consideration for a special exception to sit for the Nevada State Board Examination scheduled for late June.

I am a graduate from Oregon College of Oriental Medicine and have successfully passed three of the four required NCCAOM board exams: Foundations, Acupuncture, and Biomedicine. The only remaining exam is Herbology, which I unfortunately did not pass on my first attempt. I plan to sign up for the soonest available retake date as soon as registration opens, and I fully intend to pass and submit proof of completion around mid-June, well before the scheduled state board exam.

I want to clarify that I am not asking to take the Nevada board exam without fulfilling all requirements — I fully intend to submit all documentation, including a passing Herbology score, before the exam date. I am simply requesting the opportunity to remain eligible to sit for the June exam based on that timeline.

I recently moved back to Reno accepting a job offer from a local clinic, and I am hoping to begin work in July, contingent on licensure. This opportunity came up unexpectedly, and I quickly shifted my licensure focus and efforts from Oregon to Nevada. While I was a bit behind on the timeline, I made every effort to complete my application as quickly as possible — including submitting all necessary materials and paying the \$900 application fee.

This career has been my focus and passion for the past five years. I have been out of the workforce during this time, fully committed to my full time education and training. The financial strain has been significant to say the least, and delaying my ability to begin work until the next exam cycle in September or October would be a major financial hardship. Beyond that, I'm eager and ready to begin serving the community here in Nevada.

Please know that I make this request with deep respect for your process and with full trust in your judgment. I would be honored to present my case at the upcoming Board meeting and am grateful for the opportunity to be considered. Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your dedication to the field of Oriental Medicine.

With sincere respect and appreciation,

Shaylene Brumley