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Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Tina Kotek
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Governor Kotek,

We write to you today with urgent concern regarding recent comments made by Cass McLeod-Skinner, the Director of the Oregon Chiropractic Examiners Board. According to a report on X, McLeod-Skinner expressed disappointment that an attempted shooting targeting former President Donald Trump was unsuccessful. Such statements are not only deeply troubling but also wholly inappropriate for someone holding a public office of this nature.

The role of the Director of the Oregon Chiropractic Examiners Board is to uphold the integrity and trust of the profession. Comments endorsing violence or expressing satisfaction with harm intended towards any individual, especially a former President of the United States, are fundamentally inconsistent with the ethical standards expected of public officials. These statements undermine public confidence in the Oregon Chiropractic Examiners Board and reflect poorly on the state of Oregon.

We firmly believe that the Oregon Chiropractic Examiners Board, as well as all public offices, must be led by individuals who demonstrate the highest levels of professionalism and ethical conduct. Allowing such statements to go unaddressed sets a dangerous precedent and risks eroding public trust in our institutions.

Given the gravity of these remarks and their potential impact on the public's perception of the Oregon Chiropractic Examiners Board, we demand that you take immediate action to remove Cass McLeod-Skinner from her position.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

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Daniel Bonham
Senate Republican Leader

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Helfrich".

Jeff Helfrich
House Republican Leader