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Translation Research Scholars Program Review Committee
Institute of Translational Health Sciences
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Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Dr. Melody A. Weaver's study proposal: Exploratory study of symptom burden and quality of life in homebound older persons receiving Meals-On-Wheels in southeastern Idaho.

Dr. Weaver has 35 years of clinical experience, during which she completed a PhD. in Nursing Research at the University of Utah College of Nursing. She is a Board certified Family Nurse Practitioner with a wealth of experience in primary care, and in caring for older adults. Dr. Weaver has conducted research working with diverse, rural, and vulnerable populations. She has a particular interest in research with older adults to support mobility and quality of life through the exploration of symptom burden for those that are homebound. Dr. Weaver has successfully obtained small grant funding for qualitative research on symptom management in a Mexicana/o population, and has disseminated her work nationally. She has successfully obtained small grant funding for research and dissemination in the past.

Dr. Weaver has the expertise and experience to conduct research on symptom burden and quality of life in homebound older persons receiving Meals-On-Wheels in southeastern Idaho. The School of Nursing is committed to providing 20% workload release for Dr. Weaver based on established workload policy, to successfully complete the requirements of the Translational Research Scholars Program.

Sincerely,

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