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RE: Ideal Option, PLLC

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter in enthusiastic support of Ideal Option, PLLC and its profound benefit to our community. The opioid crisis in this nation is well publicized. As a practicing emergency physician, I have seen the effects of opioid use disorder and other addictions first-hand. Lives are altered, ruined, and cut short by this problem. Addressing addiction is complicated, but effective treatment options exist, and we are incredibly fortunate to have Ideal Option in our community to benefit those suffering from opioid dependence and other addictions. They literally save lives, and they restore hope and dignity to individuals and families who have been impacted by addiction.

I have known Drs. Jeff Allgaier and Ken Egli for many years. Both trained as emergency physicians, and I worked with them in the Emergency Department at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, WA, where I serve as the department chairman and medical director. Both are talented and compassionate physicians whom I would trust with the care of me or my family. I know them to be men of integrity and high moral standards, and they practice high-quality, evidence-based medicine. Seeing the need to address the opioid problem in our community (before it got the widespread attention it now receives), they formed Ideal Option, PLLC, where they now practice and manage full-time.

Our community did not have anything for addiction management on the scale of Ideal Option before they started it. They were truly pioneers in the field in our community. I have witnessed the growth of their practice and, with it, the increasing ability to serve our community and, now, many others. I am impressed with the care they have taken to grow responsibly. They continue to provide personalized, evidence-based, multi-disciplinary treatment in a responsible manner. I have not seen a better practice for the treatment of addiction, and, particularly, opioid use disorder. Their success can be measured not only in the volume of patients they see and the numbers who remain compliant with their treatment programs. It also can be measured by the number of people who have been able to return to work, regain custody of their children, salvage relationships, and lead productive lives. It is not an exaggeration to say that the treatment offered at Ideal Option has directly saved numerous lives that otherwise would have been lost.

I wholeheartedly recommend Ideal Option, PLLC for the treatment of opioid use disorder and other addictions. It is a quality practice making a difference in many communities.

Sincerely,



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