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I URGE you to vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD890, An Act to Permit the Dispensing of Ivermectin Pursuant to a Standing Order upon Request for COVID-19, Flu and Cancer Patients. Ivermectin has been recognized globally as a safe, effective and Affordable treatment. Its safety profile is remarkably strong. The adverse effects are exceedingly rare and generally mild. Prescription status creates unnecessary barriers to timely treatment. Requiring a doctor's visit results in higher costs, treatment delays, and potentially wider outbreaks. In many countries, ivermectin is available without a prescription and minimal medical supervision. Ultimately, the question is one of trust. The American people are trusted to self-administer medications for pain, allergies, stomach ailments, and more. Often these meds have greater risks if misused than ivermectin poses. Prescription requirements in the case of ivermectin is not a matter of science but of outdated bureaucracy. Allowing OTC access to ivermectin aligns with both medical and common sense to U.S. policy. It would lower healthcare costs, increase access to needed treatment, and reaffirm a basic principle: that individuals are capable of managing their own health when given the right tools and information. Ivermectin should be available over the counter. Thank you for taking this first step and voting OUT TO PASS on LD890.