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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Gassert Chad</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ANI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 210 MAIN STREET WEST (Street) BAUDETTE MN 56623 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ANI PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ANIP]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP - CORP. DEV. & STRATEGY</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/28/2023</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |

Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2023 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 17,369 | A | \$0 | 17,369 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2023 | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 11,578 | A | \$0 | 28,947 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 393,226 | I | HELD BY CHALI PROPERTIES LLC ⁽³⁾ |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents a restricted stock award that will vest in four equal annual installments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of February 28, 2023.
- These shares represent performance stock units, which will vest over the applicable performance period based on the achievement of the provided performance targets, as set forth in the governing award agreement, subject to the reporting person's continued service as of the applicable vesting date and that will be settled into common stock upon vesting.
- The reporting person holds voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Chali Properties LLC.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Chad Gassert, by attorney- in-fact Meredith W. Cook 04/04/2023

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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**LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SECTION 16(a) REPORTING**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Meredith W. Cook, Esq., General Counsel, and Stephen P. Carey, Chief Financial Officer of ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), and each of them, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact (the "Attorney-in Fact"), with full power of substitution and resubstitution, with the power to act alone for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to:

1. prepare, execute and submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), any national securities exchange and the Company any and all reports (including any amendment thereto) of the undersigned required or considered advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder, with respect to the equity securities of the Company, including Form 3 (Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities), Form 4 (Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership), and Form 5 (Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership); and
2. seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's equity securities from any third party, including the Company and any brokers, dealers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such third party to release any such information to the Attorney-in-Fact.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

1. this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, the Attorney-in-Fact to act at his discretion on information provided to such Attorney-in-Fact without independent verification of such information;
2. any documents prepared and/or executed by the Attorney-in-Fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information as the Attorney-in-Fact, in his discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
3. neither the Company nor the Attorney-in-Fact assumes any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or any liability of the undersigned for disbursement of profits under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
4. this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, including, without, limitation, the reporting requirements under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby grants to the Attorney-in-Fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite, necessary or convenient to be done in connection with the foregoing, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the Attorney-in-Fact, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by authority of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in equity securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Attorney-in-Fact.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall be governed by and construed in accordance the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of April 4, 2023.

Signature: /s/ Chad Gassert

Print Name: Chad Gassert