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To: Senate Health and Welfare Committee

RE: **S 73- Licensing Structure for Ambulatory Surgical Centers**  
Written Testimony for proposed amendment

Podiatrists provide medical and surgical care of the foot and ankle. This care is provided in clinics and hospitals in Vermont and throughout the country. In other states, Podiatrists also have the ability to provide this care in ambulatory surgical centers. Excluding podiatrists will limit access to care for Vermonters who require outpatient foot and ankle surgery.

The Vermont Podiatric Medical Association requests that 26 V.S.A. chapter 7 (Podiatry) be added to the definition of physician as it is defined in S. 73.

(3) "Physician means a license pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 7, 23 or 33."

Thank you.