

My name is Brian Doyle, and I am an eye surgeon who has lived and worked in Montpelier for 11 years. I perform a wide range of eye procedures including lasers and incisional surgery on patients from Washington and multiple surrounding counties. I have appointments available for these procedures within one week, and perform most on the same day as the evaluation.

I am writing to express my concern over S.64 and to voice support for the Stone Amendment. The training proposed by Vermont's optometrists is wholly inadequate to attain proficiency at laser and incisional surgery. The original proposal of 8 hours of preceptorship and performing 2 surgical procedures could have been completed in a *single day* of my 3-year training program. This is dangerous legislation that severely undervalues the rigorous nature of surgical training in our country. I urge you to vote for safe surgery by experienced and well-trained surgeons.

Sincerely,

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