

Good morning Members of the House Government Operations Committee,  
Please support the amendment to S.64 presented by Rep. Mary Katherine Stone

As a Family Physician practicing in Vermont for the last 21 years, I have seen access to care, notably specialists, decrease significantly. I appreciate the role Optometrists in caring for all of our patients. However, I have concerns about the lack of training proposed in the bill.

Ophthalmologist's training includes years of training under the Supervision, especially for complicated procedures that could have significant morbidity if there is a bad outcome. Indeed, it could contribute to decreased access to Ophthalmologist Care if there are complications that they may be required to remedy.

Increased training for Optometrists is important to help safely fill this much needed service.

Thank you for all your work.

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