

Dear Representative,

I am writing in regards to S. 64, which would increase optometric scope in Vermont.

I am a comprehensive ophthalmologist with 25 years of surgical experience. My practice encompasses all Franklin County (I am the only ophthalmologist in this county), and much of Lamoille and northern Chittenden counties.

Please consider supporting Representative Mary Katherine Strong's amendment to S. 64, which, amongst other things would require a collaborative practice with an ophthalmologist, increase preceptor numbers, and remove lasers from optometric scope. These important changes would support patient safety and prevent over-utilization.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like any more information. I appreciate the work you do as a citizen-legislator for the State of Vermont.

Best regards,

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