

Dear Representative,

Thank you for taking the time to allow me to voice my support for Representative Stone's amendment to the Optometric scope of practice bill S. 64.

I am a retired Ophthalmologist who practiced in the Central Vermont area for 35 years.

Although I have significant concerns about the basic premise of the bill, I think Representative Stone's amendment would add significant elements that would increase the public's health and safety.

Additional training, supervision and collaborative association with surgically expert Ophthalmologists will increase the chances of good outcomes for the citizens of Vermont and indeed for Optometrists if they choose to accept this great responsibility.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Best,

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