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To: Hon. Andrew Perchlik Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations

From: S. Lauren Hibbert, Deputy Secretary of State
Jennifer Colin, Director, Vermont Office of Professional Regulation

Re: S.64 An act relating to amendments to the scope of practice for optometrists

Dear Committee,

Thank you for considering S.64, an act relating to amendments to the scope of practice for optometrists.

The Office of Professional Regulation supports passage of this bill. Our team has reviewed all relevant education and provided an updated sunrise report to this body, which found that optometrists, with the requirements in this bill, have the training and skills to provide the limited set of procedures outlined in S.64.

When we testified in 2025 on this bill, we indicated we would need a General Fund allocation to support the implementation of this specialty for optometrists. We have reevaluated our request. Since this is a currently regulated profession, we have determined that we do not need a general fund allocation to support the implementation of this specialty program for optometrists.