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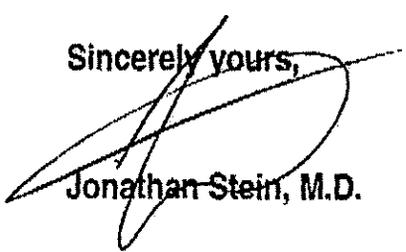
Dear Chairperson,

I am writing to you in support of H.B. 7159 "An Act Updating the Scope of Practice of Optometry" that has been introduced for consideration this year.

I am a Board Certified Ophthalmologist and Fellowship trained Cornea Specialist with practices in Stamford, Fairfield and Meriden. I work on a daily basis with Optometrists and have an Optometrist as my partner in our medical/surgical office. Over the years I have worked with hundreds of Optometrists covering the entire state of Connecticut and have had the opportunity to observe their professionalism, commitment to their patients and their continued advancement as regards continuing education and new technologies.

I have reviewed H.B. 7159 and based on my extensive experience working with Optometric colleagues I endorse this legislation as an appropriate advancement for the citizens of our state and for the profession of Optometry.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jonathan Stein, M.D.