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Commerce Committee
In support of HB 5568
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Sen. LeBeau, Rep. Perone and members of the committee:

The Connecticut Association of Optometrists would like to offer comments on House Bill 5568.

We fully support the idea of the state's small business express stepping in to assist medical professionals to establish practices in inner-city and underserved areas.

However, the bill as drafted limits this assistance to physicians.

We would request that you extend the bill's provisions to all members of the healing arts profession. This would include Optometric Doctors.

Starting a practice is a capital intensive endeavor. There is a serious need for additional vision care services in many areas of the state. Amending the bill as we suggest would permit more citizens to have access to this vital service.

Thank you.