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To: Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services of the Maine State Legislature

Dear Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Committee Members:

As a licensed pharmacist and healthcare provider committed to ensuring patients receive timely, accessible, and high-quality care, I am writing to express my strong support for LD 1803.

This legislation will expand the scope of practice for optometrists in Maine, aligning it with modern optometric education and clinical training. From a pharmacy perspective, this bill promotes safe and responsible prescribing, as optometrists are already extensively trained in pharmacology related to ocular conditions. They routinely manage complex cases involving glaucoma, infections, inflammation, and systemic disease manifestations and should have the ability to prescribe and perform minor in-office procedures without unnecessary referral delays.

Supporting LD 1803 is also a matter of patient access and equity. In many communities, especially rural areas, optometrists are the primary, and sometimes only, eye care providers available. When they are enabled to practice to the full extent of their training, patients receive faster diagnoses, better continuity of care, and reduced burdens on emergency rooms, primary care offices, and pharmacies.

I believe LD 1803 is a forward-thinking and patient-centered step for Maine. I urge you to support this bill for the benefit of our shared healthcare system and the communities we serve.

Thank you for your time and dedication.

Sincerely,

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