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Regarding SB 152

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Stanley Teplick, MD. I am a Mayo Clinic trained Ophthalmologist in private practice for over 30 years. For most of my career I have had the opportunity to work closely with community Optometry. In addition, I am an Adjunct Professor at Pacific University College of Optometry and have worked continuously with Optometry students for the last 20 years.

Optometrists have judiciously prescribed Schedule III narcotics such as Hydrocodone in various combinations without difficulties in the past and the reclassification of this medication as Schedule II should not interfere with that privilege.

Optometric education thoroughly prepares today's practitioner to judiciously incorporate pain medication into their clinical practice and in my personal experience Optometrists are conservative and circumspect in their approach to patient care.

I strongly endorse the passage of SB 152.

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