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I am a physician and am opposed to the measure. The medical board should be made up of people with the highest training and ability to understand the nuances of diseases, treatments, healthcare systems, and patient needs. To put it bluntly, physician assistants cannot do this to the level of physicians due to their limited training. There has been more and more evidence coming out that mid level providers make more mistakes and harm patients more often due to this lack of knowledge and experience. Replacing a physician with physician assistants on this board would reduce appropriate oversight of our field. There are other ways to hear from physician assistants and get their perspective than replacing physicians on the medical board. To maximize the quality of our field and make sure those who practice medicine do best by our patients, I am opposed to this measure and hope it is rejected.