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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB4010

Dear Committee,

I'm writing in support of HB 4010 that removes the requirement for optometrists to have consulting privileges at a hospital in order to qualify for the Rural Tax Credit. I have been in Florence since 1994 and as I approach retirement my concern has grown regarding the ability to bring a new doctor into our town. We have been the only full time clinic in Florence and the reality appears that rural settings are not as desirable for doctors to practice their profession. When speaking with colleagues on the Coast, recruitment has been difficult. The Rural tax credit is one incentive that can provide some financial relief to a doctor that is contemplating a suburban practice or a rural setting. If the Health Committee's goal is to promote quality eye care in rural settings, supporting HB 4010 is a good first step.