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Date: _____

Dear _____:

I am a New York State Licensed Optician, and I am writing to you to ask for your support of AB 5879/SB3101.

This bill, authorizes ophthalmic dispensers, ophthalmologists and optometrists and to join together to form limited liability entities. This bill would remove an artificial impediment to joint ownership and permit those who would choose to provide their professional services in a collaboratively owned and operated practice to do so, consistent with the twenty-six other states which permits the formation of collaborative professional practices.

The enactment of this legislation would strengthen the partnership of eye care providers and enhance their ability to better serve their patients and approve their quality of care. This sensible approach to addressing quality of care while authorizing the establishment of multi-disciplinary eye care facilities should be adopted by the State.

This bill would make New York law consistent with the practices in virtually all of New York's neighboring States, including New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Hampshire. In order for New York to retain its leadership role in the areas of medical professions, such professionals must be provided with the option to form practices that may be best suited to meeting the needs of their patients.

Thank you for your consideration of AB5879/SB3101.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Print the following:

Name: _____

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