



Help NYSSO Pass AB 5879/SB3101!
SAMPLE LOBBYING LETTER

We need your help—so New York State Licensed Opticians can jointly establish practices that provide a broader range of professional eye care services—as well as increase the value of the practice.

Please write a letter to the following elected officials in Albany. Sample language can be found below.

Senator Bill Perkins
Chair, Corporations Committee
New York State Senate
817 LOB
Albany, NY 12247
Fax: (518) 426-6809

Assemblyman Richard Brodsky
Chair, Corp., Authorities & Commissions Committee
New York State Assembly
422 LOB
Albany, NY 12248
Fax: (518) 455-5920

You should also write your own Senator and Assembly Member—asking them to support this bill. You can find your representative...

Dear Senator (or Assemblyman/woman)_____:

I am a New York State Licensed Optician practicing in (name of your community), 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,
(Your Name)