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Rep. Rachel Prusak
Chair, House Health Care Committee
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, H-489
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Dear Chair Prusak and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for House Bill 2541. I am an ophthalmologist and owner of Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, an MD/OD practice with two facilities in Oregon.

Optometrists are primary care experts serving patients on the front lines for their eye and vision care services. For more than three decades, ophthalmologists within our practices have had the privilege of working alongside qualified optometrists, caring for hundreds of thousands of patients upon referral throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. We have also worked with these critical members of the vision care team to assist in the care of acute and chronic eye diseases. I have personally had the opportunity to observe their clinical skills on many occasions. Because of these experiences, I can accurately attest to the competence and precision optometrists employ when approaching complex patient-related issues.

As health care practitioners, I believe our overall benefit to society is maximized when all providers can practice to the fullest extent of their training and competency. I am in favor of a law allowing optometrists the ability to practice to the highest level of their education, including advanced procedures outlined in HB 2541.

The proposed Optometry Scope of Practice bill is careful and reasoned.

By empowering optometrists in their role as primary vision and eye care experts, this bill will allow ophthalmologists to focus their skills on secondary and tertiary eye care. This is critical as the needs of our aging population are projected to outpace the current supply of ophthalmologists.

Thank you for your leadership. Please contact me if you have any questions.

With warm regards,

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