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**CORRECTED LETTER**

April 29, 2014

The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

***RE: House Bill 402 and Senate Bill 314, "Health Occupations – State Board of Physicians – Naturopathic Doctors"***

Dear Governor O'Malley:

We have previously reviewed and approved House Bill 402 and its crossfile Senate Bill 314, nearly identical bills relating to naturopathic doctors on a Bill Review Letter dated April 11, 2014. In the previous bill review letter, we noted some but not all of the discrepancies between the bills and erroneously indicated in separate places that you should sign both the House Bill and the Senate Bill last. Our actual recommendation is that the House Bill be signed last.

In addition, we have the following observations. House Bill 402 is not entirely identical to Senate Bill 314. House Bill 402, at page 19, line 12, states "overread," while Senate Bill 314, page 19, line 7, states "over read." In addition, House Bill 402, page 28, line 17, states "hold a hearing," while Senate Bill 314 at page 28, line 13, states "hold the hearing." The House version of each difference is preferable so we recommend that should you sign both bills, that you sign House Bill 402 last.

In addition, House Bill 402 has a title problem. The title at page 4 at lines 4-5 should state "Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee" to be consistent with page 35, line 17. This should be corrected in next year's curative bill. In addition, the following changes should be made in next year's corrective bill: on page 16, line 7, § 5-725 should be changed to § 5-715; on page 28 at lines 1, 6, 22 (second instance), 24, 26 (both times), 31, and on page 29 at lines 4-5, in all places where "Board" is listed, the phrase "or a

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disciplinary panel" should be inserted after "Board" to be consistent with § 14-5F-18(a) at page 23, lines 18-19.

Additionally, the following changes should be made to Senate Bill 314: The title at page 4 at lines 1-2 should state "Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee" to be consistent with page 35, line 13. This should be corrected in next year's curative bill. In addition, the following changes should be made in next year's corrective bill: on page 16, line 3, § 5-725 should be changed to § 5-715; on page 27 at line 28, page 28, lines 2, 18 (second instance), 20, 22 (both times), 27, and on page 29 at lines 1-2, in all places where "Board" is listed, the phrase "or a disciplinary panel" should be inserted after "Board" to be consistent with § 14-5F-18(a) at page 23, lines 18-19.

We regret any confusion that our prior letter caused.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas F. Gansler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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Attorney General

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cc: The Honorable John P. McDonough  
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