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March 24, 2021

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair Health and Government Operations Committee Room 241, House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support - SB 247 - State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 247 (SB 247) State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension.

SB 247 extends the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) for ten (10) years, until July 1, 2032.

There have been no reported problems with the Board in recent years, therefore the Department respectfully requests the Committee pass this legislation and extend the Boards authority for an additional ten (10) years.

I hope this information is useful. If you have questions or need more information about this subject, please contact Heather Shek, Director of Governmental Affairs via email at <a href="mailto:heather.shek@maryland.gov">heather.shek@maryland.gov</a> or via telephone at 443-695-4218.

Sincerely,

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