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Dear members of the committee,

I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill SB 311 which would alter the term “podiatrist” to be “podiatric physician”.

I have worked closely with my podiatric physician colleagues in a hospital setting and have witnessed firsthand their knowledge and expertise in diagnosing and treating foot and ankle conditions, specifically in the wound care setting. This medical profession and their degree, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, is recognized as a physician specialty in the hospital, is recognized as a physician by Medicare CMS, and is recognized as a physician in 36 other states. It seems only fitting that Maryland also recognize their advanced training and medical expertise. My allopathic and osteopathic colleagues rely on their medical expertise as much as they rely on ours to help effectively treat our patients.

I give my full support and encourage your committee to pass this bill.

Professionally,

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