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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 202 - State Board of Examiners in Optometry - Sunset Extension - Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 202 (SB 202) State Board of Examiners in Optometry - Sunset Extension.

SB 202 extends the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) for ten (10) years, until July 1, 2033.

There were no reported problems in the last Board sunset review, therefore MDH respectfully requests the Committee pass this legislation and extend the Boards authority for an additional ten (10) years.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Heather Shek, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs at (443) 695-4218 or heather.shek@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Schrader

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