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Senator Paul Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 311

Dear Senator Pinsky:

I wanted to write to you in support of the many podiatrists with whom I have had the pleasure of working. I work in a busy, Baltimore-based anesthesia practice, where I frequently interact with podiatrists in the operating room. Our emergency department is one of the busiest in the state, and we see many patients that require surgical interventions by our podiatrist colleagues.

We work together to optimize medically complex patients for their upcoming surgical procedures, solve medical problems to ensure patients can safely undergo an anesthetic, and serve as partners in patient safety.

Podiatrists perform much needed and often emergent surgical procedures on our patients. Notably, CMS, the federal government and 36 other states refer to them as physicians; however, they are not referred to as such in the state of Maryland.

I believe the term “podiatric physician” better honors the services our colleagues provide and would like to support efforts at the state level to change this designation accordingly.

Sincerely,



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