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October 15, 2004

The Honorable John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
14th Floor, Harristown 2, 333 Market Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

Re: Final Regulation
State Board of Optometry
16A-528: General Revisions

Dear Chairman McGinley:

The State Board of Optometry hereby withdraws its final rulemaking numbered 16A-528 from consideration at this time. The Board will resubmit the final rulemaking package at a later date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Reto".

Steven J. Reto, O.D., Chairperson
State Board of Optometry

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Enclosure

cc: Joyce McKeever, Deputy Chief Counsel
Department of State

Deborah L. Smith, Board Administrator
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October 18, 2004

The Honorable Thomas P. Gannon, Chairman
Professional Licensure Committee
PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
49 East Wing Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Re: Regulation 16A-528, general revisions

Dear Representative Gannon:

After receiving your letter dated October 14, 2004, requesting that the State Board of Optometry withdraw Regulation 16A-528, the Board withdrew the regulation by letter of October 15, 2004.

Through the Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, the Board has set up a meeting to further discuss the regulation among the interested parties, including the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Academy of Ophthalmology and the Pennsylvania Optometric Association. We will be inviting your staff member, Karen Dalton, and Barbara Harr to the meeting.

In addition to the identified health care professionals that expressed concerns with the regulation, I would ask that we have the opportunity to meet with you personally and any other committee members to discuss our regulation in further detail. I would ask that we have the opportunity to establish this meeting within the next 2 weeks. Teresa Lazo-Miller, our legal counsel, will be contacting Karen Dalton to set up that meeting.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me in regards to any issues that require immediate assistance. I look forward to the opportunity to establish a dialogue with all interested parties including the Professional Licensure Committee of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely

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Steven J. Reto, O.D., Chairperson
State Board of Optometry

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cc: Honorable Pedro A. Cortés
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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