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Rebecca L. Bickley, Director
Bureau of Driver Licensing
Department of Transportation
1101 South Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Dear Ms. Bickley:

The Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association has reviewed the Department of Transportation's proposed rulemaking (#18-402 (#2482)) regarding examination of applicant for driver's license.

The POMA feels that it is very important for physical examinations to be conducted by a licensed physician, D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) or M.D. (Doctor of Allopathic Medicine). D.O.s and M.D.s are the only health care practitioners in the Commonwealth fully licensed to diagnose and treat medical conditions. Chiropractors do not have the same medical training as a D.O. or M.D., and do not have an unlimited license to practice medicine.

The main purpose of an examination is to attempt to avert any catastrophic illnesses, such as epilepsy, cardiac disease, etc., which can be dangerous when driving.

We believe that allowing chiropractors to conduct a driver's examination is not in the best interest of the health of our Commonwealth's citizens.

The POMA appreciates the opportunity to express our comments and oppose the revisions to the State Board of Transportation's regulations.

Sincerely,

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