

Mr Chairman and Directors, Officers and member of the Board of registration, my name is Dibby Bartlett, I am a director on the opticians association of America and the past president of the opticians association of Massachusetts and i thank you for the opportunity to express my viewpoint here today.

A well educated, licensed optician in Massachusetts positively impacts the consumer because they INCREASE the quality of their optical goods though knowledge of optics, interpretation of prescriptions, detailed measurements, and educated decision making. Good education and licensure translates to excellent quality control.

And cost of a well educated and technically savvy licensed optician does NOT increase the price of goods and services to the consumer. Optical costs remain similar nationwide, which provide consumers in Massachusetts with both fair pricing and guaranteed access to an educated specialist in opticianry.

I am proud to live and work in a state that recognizes the importance of the optician in eyecare.

Thank you