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The Honorable Michelle Rodriguez
California State Assembly
1021 O St., Ste 5640
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RE: AB 1591 – California Podiatric Pipeline Program

On behalf of the Podiatric Medical Board of California (PMBC), I write to register PMBC's support of AB 1591, the California Podiatric Pipeline Program. The provisions of this bill will allow for the number of PMBC's licensees, Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs), to increase as the podiatric medical needs of the people of California continue to grow. This is especially true as it relates to the diabetic epidemic that is occurring now and will continue to surge in California.

The issues surrounding limb salvage among diabetics have been studied and the medical literature indicates that where DPMs are part of the limb salvage team, there is a lower rate of amputation. The health needs of the people of California, especially in remote and underprivileged areas where DPMs are not well represented, will be greatly enhanced with additional DPMs to take care of the special needs of diabetics and the salvage of their lower limbs, as well as other health care needs of the foot and ankle.

PMBC supports your efforts to address this gap in podiatric medical care in California. Thanking you in advance for your consideration of our position. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-263-2650.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Naslund".

Brian Naslund, EO
Podiatric Medical Board of California

Cc:
Members of the California State Assembly
Members of the California State Senate