

February 14, 2012

Representative Dean Cannon, Speaker
The Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Speaker Cannon:

The members of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Medical Association wish to record their displeasure concerning the Florida Medical Association's intended capitulation to the Florida Legislature concerning the optometrist's scope of practice expansion.

The members of the Broward County Medical Association believe that permitting optometrist to prescribe medication and perform office surgeries exceeds their education, training and creates a potentially unsafe condition for patients. For that reason and others that have been clearly articulated by responsible practitioners, we steadfastly oppose the expansion of the optometrist's scope of practice.

We encourage you and the Florida House to oppose the expansion of the optometrists' scope of practice.

Very truly yours,

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