

February 14, 2012

Senator Mike Haridopolos
President of the Florida Senate
The President's Office
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear President Haridopolos:

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 Senate to oppose the expansion of the optometrists' scope of practice.

Very truly yours,

Kutty Chandran, M.D.

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President