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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: HB 182 - Health Occupations – Podiatric Physicians – Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is submitting this letter of support for HB 182 - Health Occupations – Podiatric Physicians

The bill allows for podiatrists to call themselves podiatric physicians. Podiatrists can use this term in advertising and signage. This term physician means a healer. Merriam-Webster defines physician as “a person skilled in the art of healing. Podiatrists are medical professionals who are competent and qualified to call themselves podiatric physicians.

This change in the law is accurate and beneficial to the practitioner, and it will help podiatrists and not harm patients. It is also unlikely to cause confusion to the consumers of Maryland. For these reasons the Chiropractic Board respectfully requests that HB 182 receive a favorable report.

The Board hopes that this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at Dr. Gregory Lewis, 443-250-7664, [glewisdc@gmail.com](mailto:glewisdc@gmail.com). In addition, the Board’s Executive Director, Sharon Oliver, may be reached at 410-764-5985, [sharon.oliver@maryland.gov](mailto:sharon.oliver@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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President

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