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Dear Governor Haley,

Your endorsement of S.1016, the "Eye Care Consumers Protection" bill would establish requirements for a person who sells spectacles or contact lenses using refraction data or information generated by an automated testing device. Currently, optometrists and ophthalmologists licensed in South Carolina must take into consideration medical finding and refractive errors discovered during an eye exam in order to provide a valid prescription for spectacles or contact lenses.

Medical findings cannot be detected by refractive data generated by an automated refraction device. If we are going to say we want the best eye care for the consumers it should be done by a person trained to not only refract the patient but to look at and care for the eye.

As a licensed optician; working in the field for 39 years, who is also the president of the South Carolina Association of Opticians, I urge you to vote in favor of S.1016. We need to place eye care in the hands of professionals to protect the consumer and their needs. It is important that we strive for the best eye care for the consumer from the refraction, exam, and all the way to the delivery of treatment or devices for said patients.

Sincerely,



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