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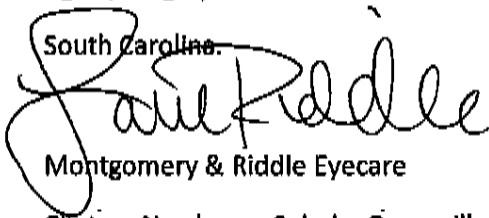
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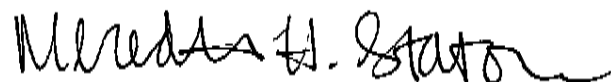
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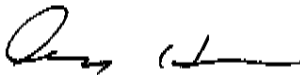
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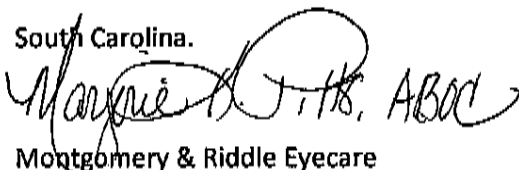
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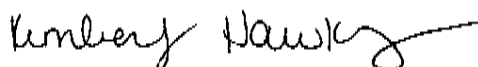
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Eye Care Professionals have always been in favor of new technology. We are constantly investing in new technologies for our practices that allow us to more efficiently detect and diagnose vision and eye health concerns at a much earlier rate. In fact, citizens want new health care technologies like those incorporated into my office and eye care practices across the state that strengthen the doctor/patient relationship and help make people healthier. However, we do not support technology that misleads the public as to what an eye exam is and can potentially delay timely care of potential loss of sight and life threatening conditions.

The overall impact on the citizens of S.C. could be:

1. Lost jobs due to undiagnosed Diabetes Mellitus
2. Cannot drive to work
3. Cannot perform at peak levels because of loss of sight.
4. Increased sick days-more health visits
5. Higher state/personal healthcare costs

Again, I urge you to vote in favor of S.1016 in order to protect the vision and eye health of the citizens of South Carolina.

  
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