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Thanks,

of the citizens of South Carolina.

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

4.) Higher state/personal healthcare costs

3.) Increased sick days-more health visits

2.) Cannot perform at peak levels because of loss of sight.

1.) Cannot drive to work

a) Lost jobs due to undiagnosed Diabetes Mellitus

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

impaired or lost.
that require treatment before eyesight and/or general health and wellbeing is permanently
foregoing of professional, state-licensed care that could identify serious ocular diseases
the possibility of misdiagnosis of the user's refractive correction needs, but also the
significant public health concerns including not only
the promotional claims made for the devices in their labeling. These devices pose serious
refractive exam. The F.D.A. has never reviewed the safety or efficacy of these devices, or
consumers as an online "EYE EXAM" which claims to be as accurate as an in-person
refractive device. Unfortunately, refractive devices are being marketed directly to S.C.
MISALIGNMENTS cannot be detected by refractive data generated by an automated
ACCOMMODATIVE INSUFFICIENCIES, and OCULAR MUSCLE
Medical findings like DIABETES, GLAUCOMA, CATARACTS,
bill will maintain the standard of care our citizens deserve.

order to provide a VALID prescription for spectacles or contact lenses. Supporting this
FINDINGS made and REFRACTIVE ERRORS discovered during an eye examination in
and Ophthalmologists licensed in S.C. must take into consideration MEDICAL
data or information generated by an automated testing device. Currently, Optometrists
establish requirements for a person who sells spectacles or contact lenses using refractive
Your endorsement of S. 1016, the "Eye Care Consumer Protection" bill would

Governor Haley,

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