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May 27, 2022

The Honorable Mike A. Gipson  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 8110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Re: AB 1662 (Gipson) – Support, if Amended Position**

Dear Assemblymember Gipson:

During their meeting on May 19-20, 2022, the Medical Board of California (Board) updated their position of Support, if Amended on AB 1662, which would require a licensing board to provide a “preapplication determination” that indicates whether an individual’s criminal conviction history could disqualify them for licensure. The Board believes that the goal of AB 1662 is laudable, however, we have ongoing concerns with the bill’s approach to this issue.

As noted in our prior letter, the Board receives a very low volume of applications from those with a criminal conviction history. Since July 1, 2019, the Board has only denied one applicant related to prior criminal behavior, therefore, it is appropriate to exempt the Board from AB 1662.

We appreciate that under the current version of the bill, any preapplication determination made by the Board would not be binding; this addresses an earlier concern of the Board.

The Board, unfortunately, still faces unreimbursed expenses related to the establishment and administration of this program. The maximum \$50 fee amount to be charged would cover the Board’s costs related to fingerprinting expenses, but not for the staff time associated with the rulemaking, information technology, and processing the preapplication determination requests. The Board receives no financial support from the General Fund and is funded by fees paid by its applicants and licensees.

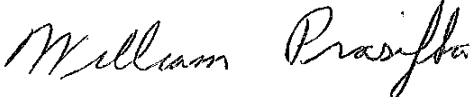
Due to these ongoing cost concerns, the Board requests the following amendments:

- Clarify that all costs associated with the requestor’s fingerprint analysis are born by the individual requesting a preapplication determination.
- Remove the \$50 maximum fee amount, so that the Board may charge a fee amount necessary to cover the Board’s reasonable costs to establish and administer this program.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Prasifka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "P".

William Prasifka  
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee  
Sarah Mason, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee  
Kayla Williams, Senate Republican Caucus