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March 3, 2022

The Honorable Bill Quirk
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 5120
Sacramento, CA 94249-0020

Re: AB 2060 (Quirk) – Sponsor

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is pleased to sponsor AB 2060, which would change the composition of the Board from a physician-member majority to a public-member majority. The Board is grateful to you for introducing this important legislation.

As you know, the Board has come under increasing scrutiny by the Legislature and other stakeholders. In 2021, the Legislature evaluated the Board through the processes of sunset review and, for several Board members, confirmation by the California State Senate. During some of those proceedings, the Board received questions and comments expressing concern that the Board has lost the trust of the public. Further, we regularly receive comments from consumers and advocates who question the Board's priorities and commitment to its mission.

Although we vigorously disagree with those who assert that the Board is not focused on protecting consumers, we recognize the concerns that have been raised and are seeking [changes in statute](#) that will help restore the public's trust and provide the Board the necessary financial resources and enforcement tools.

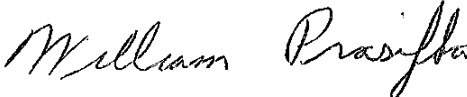
AB 2060 provides the Legislature the opportunity to take a meaningful step to reassure the public that the Board has appropriate priorities by changing the Board's composition from physician-member majority to public-member majority. This bill would similarly update the Board's panels that decide upon licensee discipline, requiring those panels to have either a public-member majority or an equal number of public- and physician-members. Importantly, this bill ensures that physicians will continue to maintain their vital role on the Board through their valued knowledge and expertise.

We believe that making this change will reaffirm to the Legislature and public that the Board is focused on its mission.

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Thank you again for your support of this key Board priority. Please contact Aaron Bone, Chief of Legislation and Public Affairs, at (916) 274-6251 or via email at Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

William Prasifka
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
Robert Sumner, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
Bill Lewis, Assembly Republican Caucus