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The Honorable Jim Wood
California State Assembly
1020 N Street, Room 390
Sacramento, CA 98514

Re: AB 765 (Wood) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

During their meeting on March 23, 2023, the Medical Board of California (Board) adopted a Support position on AB 765, which prevents anyone from using a medical specialty title or refer to themselves as an osteopathic medical doctor (DO) without meeting certain requirements.

This bill is expected to add clarity and certainty for consumers regarding the use of titles that pertain to physicians, hopefully avoiding confusion about the qualifications of that provider. Therefore, the Board is pleased to support AB 765.

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,

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