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March 3, 2016

The Honorable Joshua B. Miller
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Miller:

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (RISOPS) are writing to request an amendment to S 2498 relating to collaborative practice agreements between pharmacists and physicians. This bill specifies that a collaborative practice committee will consist of 6 individuals, 3 of whom will be nominees provided by the Rhode Island Medical Society. This bill fails to include RISOPS, which represents the state's osteopathic physicians (DOs). The AOA and RISOPS request that this rule be amended to provide equal recognition for RISOPS.

The AOA represents more than 123,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and osteopathic medical students, promotes public health, encourages scientific research, serves as the primary certifying body for DOs, is the accrediting agency for osteopathic medical schools, and has federal authority to accredit hospitals and other health care facilities. More information on DOs/osteopathic medicine can be found at www.osteopathic.org. RISOPS is a professional organization that represents over 300 DOs providing patient care in Rhode Island.

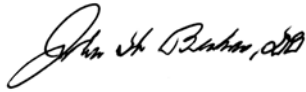
The AOA and RISOPS would like to request that the bill be amended as follows:

Section 5-19.2-2 "(b) Collaborative practice committee" shall consist of...three (3) individuals to be appointed by the board of medical licensure and discipline from nominees provided by the Rhode Island Medical Society and/or the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons."

The AOA and RISOPS appreciate your consideration of our request to amend S 2498. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact Nicholas Schilligo, MS, Associate Vice President, State Government Affairs, at nschilligo@osteopathic.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8185.

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