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By Regular Mail to:

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By Facsimile to

368-2713

Attn.: Gord Hyland, Registrar

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Dear Mr. Hyland,

Re.: Proposed Meeting Between Executive Committees

This letter is to reply to your facsimile transmission suggesting that the Executive Committees of our respective Colleges hold a meeting to continue our discussions concerning the matter of the expansion of the scope of practice of opticianry to include "refractometry". The members of the Executive Committee of this College have considered your invitation.

In considering whether or not to agree to meet with your Executive Committee, the following information was considered:

- Our understanding from the November 22nd meeting that the College of Opticians would be consulting with stakeholders in advance of the discussion of this issue at your Council meeting of January 28th.
- The wording of the resolution passed by the Council of the College of Opticians on January 28th.
- The available publications of the College of Opticians over the past several months.
- The position of the College of Physicians and Surgeons as expressed in the letter of response from Dr. Bonn.

As you will recall from our meeting with the Ministry in November, the College of Optometrists agreed to continue to work with the Ministry and the College of

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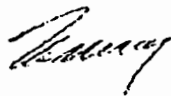
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As you will recall from our meeting with the Ministry in November, the College of Optometrists agreed to continue to work with the Ministry and the College of Opticians toward a resolution of this matter. This commitment was contingent only on the College of Opticians advising its members to cease and desist performing this activity until this matter had been resolved. Such an advisory has not been printed. Furthermore, you were kind enough to confirm that your Council gave no direction at its meeting in January 2000 with respect to such a publication.

The College of Optometrists believes that a resolution to this matter is possible and remains committed to achieving a fair and final resolution that will protect and benefit the public of Ontario. We share the Ministry's belief that such a resolution must be achieved by working within the available provisions of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*. It was for that reason that this College suggested the College of Opticians should consider requesting that this matter be referred to the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council.

The resolution passed by your Council does not demonstrate to us that the College of Opticians is prepared to work within the legislative framework on this matter. Accordingly, the College of Optometrists is not prepared to participate in any further discussions with the College of Opticians on this matter at this time.

Best regards,



Murray J. Turnour, O.D., M.Sc.
Registrar

c.c.: Mary Beth Valentine
Marilyn Wang