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Assemblyman Goldwater chairman, Committee on Commerce and Labor
Nevada State Legislature

Dear Chairman goldwater and committee members:

With regard to AB 231: ***Board of podiatry to issue limited license to practice podiatry***

The Nevada State Board of Podiatry opposes passage of this bill on the following points:

- 1) A draft of AB 231 was submitted to the National Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards for review. Currently, no other states in the union have a statute for limited license status. It is the opinion of the National Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards, that this bill, as written, creates a myriad of issues regarding regulations and definitions of a "limited license". It opens the door to many definitions of "limited licenses" with ill-defined criteria.
- 2) Creates a hazardous "standard of care" to citizens seeking podiatric treatment. "Direct supervision" by licensed podiatric physician is ill defined.
- 3) Issuing a license, limited or unlimited, to a podiatric physican who currently does not hold a active license in any state, nor has met current continuing education to maintain an active license does not serve the public or the profession well. We also sought the opinion of the American Podiatric Medical Association. The same issues were cited. In addition, the complexity of monitoring and enforcing the "limited license" statutes of a select few creates difficulty. The Nevada State Board of Podiatry issues licenses to applicants pursuant to NRS 635.050. We are proud of our stringent application requirements, which provide the citizens of Nevada with very capable podiatric care. The Nevada State Board of Podiatry feels this bill favors a very select few interested "limited licensure" and, in general, would compromise the integrity of our active licensed podiatric population.

THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE & LABOR

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