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As your constituent, I am writing to express my great concern about a proposal currently pending which would allow optometrists – who are not physicians -- to perform eye surgery and give injections into the delicate tissues of the eye.

The health of my eyes is very important to me, and I do not think that somebody who has not gone to medical school, such as an optometrist, should be allowed to do any form of surgery on the eye. There are many qualified eye surgeons in our area who do have the training to safely perform eye surgery. There is no need to reduce the standards to let optometrists do operations on the eye.

Please do not lower the standards for eye surgeons. **Protect the safety of patients by opposing any effort allowing optometrists to perform surgery without first getting the proper training in medical school and residency.**

Thank you for considering my opinion on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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I recently learned about a proposal that would let non-physician optometrists perform surgery and give shots into and around the eye. This doesn't make any sense and, in my opinion, represents a danger to your constituents who have serious eye conditions.

There simply is no need to let somebody who has not gone to medical school try to do eye surgery. I appreciate the experience my ophthalmologist gained through medical and surgical training over many years. Giving optometrists the privilege of doing surgery after a short 32-hour weekend course is not right. As my voice in Springfield, I ask you to OPPOSE this proposal which creates an unnecessary shortcut to produce eye surgeons and bypasses the well-established training standards of medical school that have served us well.

Protect the safety of patients by opposing any effort allowing optometrists to perform surgery without the proper training.

Thank you.

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I am writing to oppose any measure that weakens the high standards in our state for those who perform delicate surgical procedures around the eye. Only physicians, who have completed medical school and residency, should be allowed to perform eye surgery, as well as the right to give injections around the eye. Optometrists do not go to medical school and they are not surgeons.

There is no need or public demand for to dilute the training standards that would let optometrists become eye surgeons without a medical and surgical residency. No Illinois citizens are deprived of competent eye surgery services provided by our state's highly trained eye physicians and surgeons, ophthalmologists.

My eyes are precious to me. **As your constituent, I ask that you protect the eye health of myself and my neighbors by voting against any proposal that would let optometrists get the right to do eye surgery without first going to medical school.**

Thank you very much.

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