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TO: Members of the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform

FR: Representative Dale Kooyenga

RE: support for AB 834 changes to the chiropractic test scores

Thank you for holding a hearing on Assembly Bill 834. This bill relates to the score required for successful completion of Parts III and IV of the Wisconsin chiropractic examination.

Simply put, the bill changes the required score for successful completion of Part III of the examination from 438 to 375 and Part IV of the examination from 475 to 375. The current law requirement of 438 and 475 are completely arbitrary and out of line with the rest of the country. The national standard score is 375 and it utilized by the vast majority of states – only two states, North Carolina and Maryland, do not utilize the national standard number.

Utilizing these arbitrary higher numbers for our examination does not correlate to increased competency or provide a higher level of consumer protection. What it does do is create a fence around Wisconsin with a sign that says we are not open for business. This legislation will eliminate that fence and help attract and keep both young and old chiropractors in our state.

Thank you for hearing this bill and I respectfully ask for your support.