



NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
OF VISION
CARE PLANS

November 27, 2018

Senator Jay Hottinger
Chair, Ohio Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: National Association of Vision Plans Support of House Bill 156

Dear Chairman Hottinger and Members of the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee:

The National Association of Vision Care Plans' 20 primary member companies manage extensive networks of vision care providers and include vision benefit coverage for over 149.2 million Americans. Fifteen of our member plans form a diverse market in Ohio, representing over 7.2 million covered lives. The National Association of Vision Care Plans (NAVCP) is pleased to support H.B. 156. Having worked with Representative Schuring and the Ohio Optometric Association to address a number of contentious issues, NAVCP members believe that H.B. 156 contains the necessary consumer protections and flexibility for us to support the bill's passage.

The fundamental goal of this legislation is to make sure that consumers have all the information they need to make the best decisions for their vision care while also making sure that they have access to a diverse set of options. The requirements placed on both plans and vision care providers assure that consumers will know what is in and out of network, what costs will be, and where they can find access to quality, affordable eyewear.

NAVCP greatly appreciates the deliberate and serious discussion this legislation has had in the House and now in the Senate. We believe that House Bill 156 benefits consumers and vision care providers alike while allowing our member plans the flexibility to present a wide range of affordable and robust options for eye wear and vision care services to Ohio employers and consumers. Again, we are pleased to support House Bill 156.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian Roberts', is written in a cursive style.

Julian Roberts
Executive Director