



October 9, 2015

The Honorable Jeffrey Sánchez  
House Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing  
State House  
Room 236  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Sánchez:

**The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society (MOS) are writing to request an amendment to HB 1025.** This bill creates a special commission to investigate and study coverage gaps experienced by individuals transitioning between publicly subsidized health coverage programs. The commission includes representatives from across health care delivery, but fails to include MOS, which represents the state's osteopathic physicians. The AOA and MOS would like to request inclusion of a representative for MOS on this commission, and provide a technical correction to the bill.

The AOA proudly represents its professional family of more than 109,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students, promotes public health, encourages scientific research, serves as the primary certifying body for DOs, is the accrediting agency for osteopathic medical schools and has federal authority to accredit hospitals and other health care facilities. MOS is a professional organization that represents the over 900 DOs providing patient care in Massachusetts.

**The AOA and MOS request that the language of the bill be amended as follows:**

Ch. 118J Sec. 2 “The commission shall consist of ~~14~~ **16** members...1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Medical Society, **1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society,** and at least 1 of whom shall be a consumer representative appointed by the attorney general.”

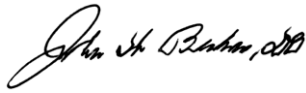
**We appreciate your consideration of this request to amend HB 1025.** Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact Nicholas Schilligo, MS, AOA Associate Vice President of State Government Affairs, at [nschilligo@osteopathic.org](mailto:nschilligo@osteopathic.org) or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8185.

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