

# Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards

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The Honorable Lou Correa  
Chair, Assembly Business and Professions Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6025  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Correa:

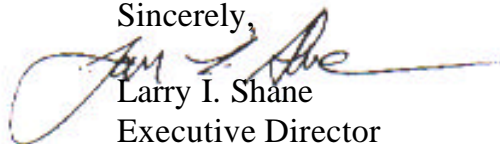
The Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) strongly endorses **AB 932**. We commend your committee for the consideration you have brought to this overdue measure.

Modernizing the statute to safeguard podiatric practice rights is much in the interests of California patients. Today's highly trained and specialized Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs) should not be hamstrung by discriminatory language written in the 1920s to restrict chiropodists.

As the national federation of state regulatory boards, FPMB developed a competency-based *Model Law*. We followed the recommendations of the Pew Health Professions Commission to work towards "a flexible, rational and cost-effective health care system that allows effective working relationships among health care providers."

AB 932 has been narrowed from the *Model Law* language to satisfy interests of other, competing providers. It nevertheless will resolve recurring, unwarranted challenges to long-standing podiatric services, which most facilities and providers support in the interests of efficient, quality care.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director