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Members of the Indiana Optometry Board:

My name is Michael Stewart, OD, MBA, and I work as an Optometrist for the private practice of Norman & Miller Eyecare, at the Lebanon and Frankfort locations. I graduated from Indiana University School of Optometry in May of 2024 and have been practicing with Norman & Miller Eyecare since June of 2024.

One of my greatest interests, while studying at IUSO and during my practicing days, has been the opportunity to perform select laser procedures such as YAG Capsulotomy, Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty, and Laser Peripheral Iridotomy. My coursework at IUSO adequately instructed me upon these topics, knowing their benefits, as well as their risk factors, and has allowed me to appropriately discuss and educate my patients in turn. The opportunity to visit Eye Specialists of Indiana during my schooling to have hands-on practice with each machine as well as assisting on such procedures during my internal rotations has made me confident that I can manage even the complex cases and patient personalities.

In my two years with Norman & Miller Eyecare, I have performed a YAG Capsulotomy procedure on nearly 100 eyes with no adverse events. As mentioned, performing laser procedures was a major interest as I began my career. My home state of Indiana was where I wanted to practice, and it was my neighbors in central Indiana whom I wanted to help obtain better visual outcomes. When my wife was offered a position with her company that would require moving out of state, we chose to stay. This was at least in part due to my opportunity to perform laser procedures in Indiana. Due to my educational opportunities, training, and experience detailed above, I believe the mandatory requirement of taking the NBEO LSPE for doctors working toward performing lasers safely and adequately is unnecessary for those with adequate training and testing otherwise.

Sincerely,

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