

THE MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY,
Boston, Mass., March 21, 1968.

Mr. RICHARD W. AVERILL,
*Director, American Optometric Association,
 Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. AVERILL: I would like to say that as Dean of The Massachusetts College of Optometry, I am heartily in favor of supporting the following legislation: Bill No. S3095—"Health Manpower Act of 1968."

Please have this endorsement included in the Appendix.

Sincerely,

HYMAN R. KAMENS, O.D., *Dean.*

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON,
 COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY,
Houston, Tex., March 26, 1968.

Mr. H. E. MAHLMAN,
*American Optometric Association,
 Washington Office, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. MAHLMAN: This is in answer to the telegram by Dr. Chapman concerning S. 3095. All in all, these appear to be worthwhile amendments to the Public Health Service Act.

The section under "Grants for Multipurpose Facilities" page 4, line 13-23, appears to be of great import to us. We have been working for a graduate program for many years. Our inability to start the program has been due to lack of faculty with the Ph.D. degree. We would also like to institute optometric technology and internship programs as well as a cooperative, optometric technician program. We are somewhat hampered in starting these programs by the limitations of our present physical facilities. Consequently, we are caught between needing to build for programs which we do not have or delaying building until we have developed the programs for which we do not have space. This section seems to hold great value in terms of building facilities for a graduate program to produce instructors and researchers in an area where there is now a great need for manpower. In addition, this section includes library facilities which are most important to us. I am somewhat concerned, however, by the term "medical library" in line 19. It would be far better, from our point of view, if the term "medical" were changed to "health professions."

If lines 9-12 on page 5 mean that the act is encouraging Continuing Education, this would also facilitate our providing updated material for the practitioner. We have had competition this year between our Continuing Education Program and our regular program for classroom, laboratory, and clinical facilities.

I find the change in title to "National Advisory Council on Health Professions Education Assistance" pleasing.

All in all, the amendments appear to improve the Public Health Service Act and should be supported.

Sincerely,

CHESTER H. PHEIFFER, *Dean.*

(Whereupon, at 3:50 p.m., the hearing was concluded.)

