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State Representative Mary Kiffmeyer
Chair of the Sunset Commission
State of Minnesota

Dear Representative Kiffmeyer and Commission Members,

It is my pleasure to write on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners as it undergoes review through your commission. The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards supports the continuation of this extraordinarily successful agency.

As the international association of government agencies that regulate doctors of chiropractic in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, the FCLB has a proud 85 year tradition of fostering excellence in chiropractic regulation. The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners earned the FCLB's highest honors when the board was recognized in 1996 as the Outstanding Regulatory Board and again in 2005 when MBCE executive director Dr. Larry Spicer received the George Arvidson Award for outstanding individual service to regulation. These two honors are not given lightly; competition is fierce, and many agencies and individuals are worthy. The MBCE earned this recognition for exceptional public service, innovation, and efficiency.

As resources continue to decline in all areas of the United States, regulatory agencies are forced to do more with less – while never sacrificing the core mission of protecting the public. With its internal culture of service and volunteerism, the MBCE shares generously its ideas to help other state agencies stretch their valuable resources. For example, MBCE's new doctor orientation program resulted in a decrease in violations by new licensees of over 50% - an idea that other boards have been quick to adopt after learning about the program at our national educational conferences.

The services this agency provides are crucial to protect Minnesota citizens. At no cost to the state, funded solely by licensing fees, they consistency deliver fair process and outstanding public service, unduplicated by any other agency in Minnesota. It is my pleasure to offer an unqualified recommendation for the continuation of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Sincerely,

Lawrence O'Connor, D.C.
President

cc: Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners
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