



AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

March 15, 2021

National Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board of Directors
200 S, College Street, #2010
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear National Board of Examiners in Optometry Board of Directors,

The American Optometric Association (AOA) has expressed our concern towards the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) over the last year in the handling of the cancellation of boards, rising cost in exams students are facing, and overall lack of communication.

It has come to our attention that NBEO recently changed the exam date registration with only a few hours' notice, in addition to increasing the exam fee by \$35. Instead of facilitating a more open dialogue, NBEO once again went forward without considering a more coordinated approach and communications and put students of optometry across the country at a disadvantage. Along with the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA), we expect NBEO to have consideration about how this significantly impacts students' lives and seek answers for the abrupt change and shortfall in communication.

Our future doctors of optometry are losing confidence in our board of examiners because of the continued issues addressed here and in previous communications. We look forward to your input and solutions to help the future.

Sincerely,

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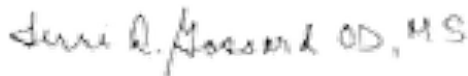
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