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Hon. Jarrett Coleman
Senate Box 203016
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Dear Senator Coleman,

The Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association, representing the interests of 3,800+ PA-licensed Doctors of Chiropractic in the commonwealth, offers support for the upcoming legislation you plan to introduce, which aims to reinstate licenses, registrations, certificates, and permits that were suspended or revoked specifically for failure to comply with COVID-19 protocols set forth by Governor Wolf and the Secretary of Health during the disaster emergency related to COVID that began on March 6, 2020.

The Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association recognizes the unprecedented challenges faced by our members and other professionals in the state during the extended state of emergency. The closure of “non-life sustaining” businesses on March 19, 2020, followed by swift enforcement actions against non-compliant businesses just two days later, created an environment where professionals had to make difficult decisions to sustain their livelihoods and support their families.

Your proposed legislation, which not only seeks to reinstate licenses but also requires licensing boards and commissions to remove any disciplinary actions taken against licensees for failure to comply with COVID-19 protocols, resonates with the principles of fairness and understanding. The people of Pennsylvania have already taken significant steps to prevent indefinite states of emergency from being declared in the future, and today, we see an opportunity to provide relief to professionals and license holders who, out of necessity, returned to work without formal approval during the critical times of the pandemic.

The Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association supports this legislation as it aligns with the sentiment of finding a balance between public health concerns and the economic needs of professionals. We believe it is crucial to recognize the unique circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and provide an opportunity for redemption and record clearance for those who acted in the best interest of their families.

We appreciate your dedication to addressing the challenges faced by Pennsylvania's professionals, and we look forward to the positive impact this legislation will have on the chiropractic community and other affected license holders.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the well-being of Pennsylvania's professionals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith M. Miller, DC". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Keith M. Miller, DC
President of the Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association