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**To:** French, Jacqueline@DCA; Johnson, Marc@DCA  
**Subject:** 11/19 Meeting Materials: Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

This email should also be included in materials for the 11/22/21 LRC meeting.

Respectfully,  
**Shara Perkins Murphy**, Executive Officer  
(pronouns: she/her)



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To the California State Board of Optometry, Honorable Senator and President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins and her staff.

Greetings from Guam.

Since February 2020. I have endeavored to rectify a glaring oversight in the CA **Optometry Rules and Regulation** section 114.13 regulating the waiver of registration renewal fees for military members, specifically Active Duty Military members stationed/deployed overseas. Since we are not identified as Reservists, **we have paid full renewal fees in order to maintain state licensure currency while deriving no CA income.**

Collectively, the CA Board of Optometry has collected over \$9200 from myself and other Active Duty members listed above.

While we appreciate the Executive Director's promise upon request to waive fees and renewal requirements during her tenure, we fear this stop gap measure may be rescinded or changed at the instruction of future Board leadership.

As I review the Optometry Board 2021 meeting agenda, I am disappointed this issue is not a priority concern. Let's make this a concern TODAY.

I would like the Board and to the Honorary Senator Pro Tem to take immediate action to amend AB1588 to reflect overseas/deployed Active Duty members who like Reservists have honorably served their country.

**We are also asking for refunds for renewals fees that we have paid since 2012.**

While I take no pleasure in writing an open letter to the Board and the offices of Senator Atkins, the active duty Optometrists have waited patiently since Feb 2020 but have been ignored far too long by the Board.

We patiently are waiting your response.

Sincerely,

John J. Kim