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Mark B. Levy, Board Director
State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics
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Dear Mr. Levy.

First, I want to thank you to taking the time in helping us understand the Ohio process for including BOC as a recognized test provider. I have briefed our President/CEO, Claudia Zacharias, on our conversation last week. We both appreciate your patience in guiding us through this process.

We also want to express our thanks for allowing us to present information to the Board. We are , however, concerned about how the Board sees the role of NCOPE in its deliberations.

I want to clarify the role of NCOPE in the process of testing development since there seems to be a misperception of any role in test creation. While NCOPE sets academic standards for the education of candidates, it plays no role in test development. As we have pointed out in our submissions to the Board, panels of subject matter experts meet and perform a job task analysis which collects those tasks to be performed by certificants. A larger and different group of subject matter experts validates those tasks which, in turn, become the blueprint for the testing assessment. At no point does NCOPE become involved in the development of an assessment instrument. Consequently, we believe that our psychometrically-sound test is just as valid an instrument as that of the current provider, and that it should be recognized by the Board. While tests may not be identical, they share similar characteristics based on each one's scope of practice.

As always, if you have any questions concerning the role of NCOPE, we would be very happy to answer any questions as it relates to our certification program.

I trust you have received our submission addressing your concerns regarding our continuing education reporting and audits. Again, we are ready to provide you and the Board with information concerning our policies and procedures.

We would be happy to attend the March 6, 2013 in order to relieve concerns or answer any questions the Board may have. If there is a option for our participation, we will come to Columbus.

Our thanks again for allowing us to be part of the process of expanding the choices Ohio candidates can have for licensure.

Cordially,

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Director, Certification

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