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Honorable Adam Ravenstahl
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RE: HB 1737

Dear Mr. Ravenstahl,

This letter is offered to you as strong support of HB 1737, introduced by you in the Pa House.

As you know, this legislation would allow chiropractic interns and students to perform chiropractic activities under the direct supervision of a PA Doctor of Chiropractic licensee, instructor or supervisor. Currently, due to an oversight in the language of the original Chiropractic law, it is unclear whether a student can obtain clinical experience within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are no chiropractic degree educational programs currently in the Commonwealth, partly because this necessary and specific allowance does not yet exist. The lack of this educational opportunity, which many other States recognize, lessens the chance of a chiropractic student becoming a chiropractic practitioner and remaining in the Commonwealth.

I am a licensed Pennsylvania Doctor of Chiropractic, and I understand that the University of Pittsburgh is seriously considering establishing a school for Chiropractic which would provide a remarkable educational opportunity to elevate the chiropractic educational process for students, faculty, and chiropractic professionals throughout the State. This bill is important because it would open the pathway to further enhance the reputation of the University of Pittsburgh as a world class leader in physical medicine and would allow Pennsylvania students to opportunity study, work, and raise a family in Pennsylvania. Additionally, I am confident that a Doctor of Chiropractic program at the University of Pittsburgh would draw students from across the United States and Internationally.

The clarification of current law would allow the University to proceed with its plans. I ask that you place HB 1737 on the agenda of the House Professional Licensure Committee as soon as possible and urge you and your colleagues to act favorably on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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