March 27, 2020

[Governor, legislator, legislature]

Dear [leader]:

On behalf of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and our member board, [state board of chiropractic examiners] allow us to offer our sincere gratitude for your leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. The citizens of your great state of [state] have been informed, uplifted and reassured with your steadfast leadership during these difficult times. For that we are eternally grateful.

We thank you for your role in creating and delegating authority to the [board]. Your dedicated service to public protection through legislative enactments provides a mechanism for the issuance, renewal and enforcement of the regulatory structure.

The purpose of this letter is to assert the importance of chiropractic services in patient access to care within the healthcare delivery systems during this crisis.

[XXXXXX of Chiropractic Examiners] is a member in good standing with the FCLB.

[Optional – for boards whose licensees have been prohibited from practice] This letter is to serve as support for reconsideration of the decision to close chiropractic offices.

Chiropractic scopes of practice are statutorily enacted and provide a basis for professional practice. Legislatively enacted scopes recognize Doctors of Chiropractic as essential health care providers, ready to serve their patients and communities both in daily and preventative care, as well as in times of urgent need.

The FCLB membership is comprised of legislatively created boards delegated with the authority to regulate the profession in the interest of public protection. These statutes and rules/regulations provide the basis for the chiropractic profession and populating the board with a combination of professionals and public members provides efficiencies to government regulation.
While chiropractors are not limited to neuro-musculoskeletal conditions, they are the primary line of defense for these conditions. As our nation continues to respond to the ever-changing environment around COVID-19, essential services provided by chiropractors to their existing and acute new patients will play a vital role in caring for their needs while eliminating unnecessary visits to already overwhelmed emergency departments and other healthcare facilities.

The FCLB is encouraging its member boards and their licensees to adhere to the World Health Organization (WHO), the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health departments’ protocols related to the novel coronavirus. Chiropractors are valuable providers of healthcare whose services are rendered within relevant scopes of practice and under the authority of each respective state licensing boards and the practice acts, rules/regulations, and operational policies.

Based upon membership with the FCLB, the [board] can be an integral source of disseminating valuable information to its licensees in the best interest of public protection. This collective voice and diverse knowledge base allows for interstate exchange of information related to public protection through enforcement while respecting the rights of each state.

Again, during these difficult and rapidly changing times, we are truly grateful for your leadership. We stand ready to assist you as you address what will be the most significant crisis of our time. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Karlos Boghosian, DC
FCLB President

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*FCLB Vision Statement:* The FCLB is the premier international resource for information and consolidated services for ensuring the safe, ethical practice of chiropractic.

*FCLB Mission Statement:* Protecting the public by promoting excellence in chiropractic regulation through service to our member boards.