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President Michael Herman, Ph.D.  
President, AAPM  
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Dear President Herman:

Lynne Fairobent, AAPM Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager, has communicated with Richard Vetter, Ph.D., Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) and Agency Liaison for the Health Physics Society (HPS) about complaints that she has received from health physicists regarding the Pennsylvania Medical Physicist Licensure Bill. In particular, according to Ms. Fairobent, health physicists on the Pennsylvania Radiation Protection Advisory Committee raised objections to language in the bill that they interpreted to eliminate certification by the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) as a qualification for the subfield of Medical Health Physics. On behalf of AAPM, Ms. Fairobent has requested that AAHP share their position on this matter.

The purpose for this letter is to inform the AAPM that the AAHP will not object to the AAPM licensure efforts as long as AAPM supports certification by the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) plus three years of relevant experience in the subfield of Medical Health Physics as an acceptable qualification for the practice of Medical Health Physics as defined in the AAPM Medical Physicist Licensure template.

The AAHP thanks Ms. Fairobent for approaching AAHP leadership to discuss this matter. If you have any questions regarding the AAHP position on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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President

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