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Dear Representatives Boozman and Waxman:

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The Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO) fully endorses legislation to amend the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of non-corrective (plano) contact lenses as medical devices, thus requiring the proper approvals and oversight by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA).

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It is a fact that contact lenses, both with and without corrective power, are medical devices that can have significant health risks associated with improper care and wear. Therefore, CLAO supports your initiative to have this important bill introduced into the United States House of Representatives.

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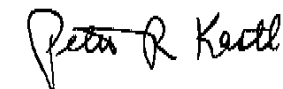
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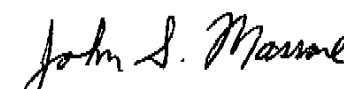
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