



## Letter to Elected Official

### National Non-profit, EyeCare America, Celebrates 25 Years of Saving Sight

Dear {Elected Official's Name},

The greatest gift to give is the gift of sight. EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, celebrates 25 years of sight saving service. In honor of this anniversary, you can give the gift of sight to your constituents by sharing the number listed below. Founded in 1985 by a group of dedicated ophthalmologists, EyeCare America is committed to preserving sight. Today, the organization has grown to include 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists across the country who provide eye exams and care, often at no out-of-pocket cost to qualified patients.

EyeCare America encourages people to call 1-800-222-EYES (3927) anytime see if they qualify for an eye exam at no cost. The helpline operates all day, every day, year-round. In your state of {list STATE here} EyeCare America has helped more than {XX,XXX} people since 1985, and currently has {XXX number of} volunteer ophthalmologists located across your state.

Since the program's inception, EyeCare America has helped more than 1 million people by raising awareness for eye disease, distributing valuable, free sight-saving information and providing access to medical eye care to the medically underserved communities.

The program facilitates eye care for U.S. citizens or legal residents who are without an ophthalmologist and who do not belong to an HMO or do not have eye care coverage through the Veterans Administration.

I hope that you will take this opportunity to share EyeCare America's sight saving information with people in need in your state.

Sincerely,

{Name,MD}