April 11, 2022

To: The American Optometric Association House of Delegates

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my longtime colleague, schoolmate, and friend, Margaret "Marrie" M. Read, OD, MBA, FAAO, to endorse her bid to become a Trustee of the American Optometric Association.

I have known Marrie for more than 20 years, and know her to be forthright, earnest, and diligent in her pursuits. Her work ethic is un-paralleled. This was evident early in her career when, as a student at the Southern College of Optometry, she delivered her child and took final examinations all within the same week! I have also had the opportunity to interact with Marrie professionally as she served on the AFOS Board of Trustees and Executive Committee while I served in a similar capacity for SECO International. She has also served on numerous AOA committees and the Health Care Alliance for Patient Safety Board for the purpose of advocating for both our profession and for our patients.

She has served as an adjunct faculty member for the Indiana College of Optometry and has received numerous awards and commendations. She has served her country, rising to the rank of Captain in the United States Navy, has pursued multiple post-graduate degrees and certifications which dovetail nicely into the skill set needed by a Trustee to advance the mission of the AOA.

She has done all of the aforementioned with grace and humility, and I respectfully ask that you join me in supporting Dr. Read for Trustee of the American Optometric Association.

Best Regards,

Christine W. Cook, O.D., F.A.A.O.
Diplomate American Board of Optometry.