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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
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Dear Senator Cassidy,

On behalf of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. (“JJVCI”)—the manufacturers of ACUVUE® Brand contact lenses—I am writing to express our strong support for your forthcoming bill, *The Contact Lens Consumer Health Protection Act*.

As one of the world’s leading manufacturers of contact lenses and investors in vision care research and development, we share your commitment to finding new ways to ensure patients’ access to innovation and choice in the marketplace. As you know, the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003 (FCLCA) was instrumental in establishing today’s competitive marketplace for contact lenses, but since then, the flexibilities afforded by the FCLCA’s original design—along with substantial advancements in technology and the growing number of available retail channels—have unintentionally created loopholes that are being exploited and if left unaddressed, will continue to threaten patients’ health and safety.

Importantly, as a manufacturer, our ability to advance innovations in vision care is heavily reliant on strengthening the existing patient health and safety protections in the marketplace today. Over the last 10 years and in the decades to come, we have and will continue to invest in the research and development of new vision technologies, from better refractive correction to therapeutic innovations that treat chronic conditions. However, the unintentional loopholes in contact lens regulation fundamentally undermine the vital assurance provided to manufacturers, like JJVCI, that—as we discover new science, develop new technologies, and deliver more complex products to the market—they will be prescribed, sold, and safely used.

Your legislation makes important improvements that better reflect and respond to the modern vision care landscape and ensure that we effectively balance patient health and safety with choice and flexibility. We applaud your efforts and look forward to continuing our work with you and your staff to advance this legislation. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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