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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, AIR FORCE REVIEW BOARDS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Physical Disability Board of Review Recommendation on

 Case Number PD-2018-00283

 In accordance with Title 10 § 1554a and in compliance with DoDI 6040.44, the Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) adjudicated the disability rating accompanying the medical separation of the covered individual from the United States Air Force. After carefully reviewing the application and medical separation case file, the PDBR recommended no re-characterization of the separation or modification of the disability rating previously assigned. I recommend you accept this proposed decision.

The covered individual was an active duty O3, Financial Management Officer, medically separated for “keratoconus” with a disability rating of 0%. The PEB coded the eye condition 6035 (keratoconus), citing vision corrected to 20/25 (right) and 20/20 (left) with contact lenses. The 6035 code provides a rating based on impairment of visual acuity either corrected or uncorrected. A compensable rating of 10% is not warranted unless there is vision impairment of 20/50 in one eye and 20/50 or 20/40 in the other, but this level of impairment was not present. Although the May 2009 optometry visit recorded disease progression, the eye examination conducted 7 months earlier demonstrated the same visual acuity (left 20/20 and right 20/25), corrected. After due deliberation, considering all the evidence and mindful of VASRD §4.3 (reasonable doubt), the panel concluded there was insufficient cause to recommend a change in the PEB adjudication for the keratoconus.

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Dear, XXXXXXXXXX

 Reference your application submitted under the provisions of DoDI 6040.44 (Section 1554, 10 USC), PDBR Case Number PD-2018-00283.

After careful consideration of your application and treatment records, the Physical Disability Board of Review determined that the rating assigned at the time of final disposition of your disability evaluation system processing was appropriate. Accordingly, the Board recommended no rating modification or re-characterization of your separation.

I have carefully reviewed the evidence of record and the recommendation of the Board. I concur with that finding and their conclusion that modification of your disability rating or characterization of your separation is not warranted. Accordingly, I accept the recommendation that your application be denied.