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TO:

The Honorable Marco Rubio
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Rick Scott
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Greg Steube
521 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Rubio, Senator Scott and Congressman Steube,

We, the management and physicians of Advent Health Sebring, are writing to you to express our strong support for the recently introduced Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act (S3599 and HR 6788). These bipartisan bills seek to release recaptured immigrant visas thus allowing foreign born immigrant doctors and nurses currently on long term work visas to practice medicine freely in the United States.

As Florida along with the rest of the country opens for business, we are counting upon our Covid warriors, our doctors, nurses and support staff to respond effectively should there be surge of cases in our community and we need all hands on the deck. Our foreign born colleagues who have been trained in the US, provide superlative medical care to our patients and are risking their lives everyday on the frontline in this fight against Covid 19 and we feel that these bills will help us deploy them where they are needed without any restrictions as well as bolster efforts to hire and retain a talented workforce. The Act also puts many safeguards in place to protect American workers by requiring employers to attest that they will not displace local workers when hiring these foreign born physicians.

During this difficult times all our healthcare workers are heroes who serve selflessly but our non immigrant colleagues need a little more help. They have been waiting patiently in line for permanent residency for a long time, sometimes as long as 12 to 15 years and we feel now is an opportune time to provide them with permanent residency so they can join us fight this pandemic without any legal hurdles.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

