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May 13, 2020

The Honorable Brad Schneider  
United States House of Representatives  
1432 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
United States House of Representatives  
2207 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Abby Finkenauer  
United States House of Representatives  
124 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Don Bacon  
United States House of Representatives  
1024 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Re: Support for the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act

Dear Representatives Schneider, Finkenauer, Cole, and Bacon:

As the president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and on behalf of our members, I write to express our support for the *Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act* and urge the House of Representatives to quickly pass the legislation. The burden on our healthcare professionals during this difficult time is becoming more severe as they struggle to manage the influx of patients presenting with COVID-19. The field of critical care is especially strained during this pandemic and we are most supportive of the bill that would allow for the recapturing of previously unused immigrant visas for healthcare professionals.

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Sincerely,

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United States Senate  
455 Russell Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Todd Young  
United States Senate  
85 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable John Cornyn  
United States Senate  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Coons  
United States Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate  
437 Russell Senate Office Building  
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