



June 1, 2020

The Honorable David Perdue  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: RPA Endorsement of S. 3599, The Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act

The Renal Physicians Association (RPA) is the professional organization of nephrologists whose goals are to ensure optimal care under the highest standards of medical practice for patients with kidney disease and related disorders. RPA acts as the national representative for physicians engaged in the study and management of patients with kidney disease. Part of RPA's mission is to promote excellence in the delivery of high-quality kidney care within an environment that supports patient access to care and safety.

RPA is writing to offer our endorsement of S. 3599, The Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act. RPA believes this bipartisan bill is a common sense measure that would provide greatly needed support to the U.S. physician workforce by allowing international medical graduates (IMGs) who are already permanent residents of the U.S. to practice medicine to the full scope of their licenses through the removal of restrictions emanating from their visa status. This legislation is an appropriate step to take in addressing the nation's physician workforce shortage, which is particularly acute in the kidney care community and of significant concern given the mushrooming growth of the nation's chronic kidney disease (CKD) patient population. We commend you for your leadership in this area, and please advise our staff of any steps we can take to support enactment of this important legislation.

As always, RPA welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with Congress in its efforts to improve the quality of care provided to the nation's kidney patients, and we stand ready as a resource to you in your future work on changes affecting the U.S. physician workforce. Any questions or comments regarding this correspondence should be directed to RPA's Director of Public Policy, Rob Blaser, at 301-468-3515, or by email at [rblaser@renalmd.org](mailto:rblaser@renalmd.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey A. Perlmutter MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a horizontal line at the end.

Jeffrey A. Perlmutter, MD  
President