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Senator Roger Wicker
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

Re: S. 3599
Healthcare Worker Resilience Act

Dear Senator Wicker:

On behalf of South Central Regional Medical Center, I respectfully request your support of the passage of S.3599, referred to as the Healthcare Worker Resilience Act. This proposed legislation would make unused permanent visas from prior years, available for up to 25,000 foreign nurses and 15,000 medical doctors, who are instrumental in helping the United States combat the COVID pandemic. These healthcare professionals are especially critical to the delivery of healthcare to underserved rural areas. The passage of S.3599 would quickly bring resolution of immigrant status to nurses and physicians from oversubscribed countries (such as India). Without passage of S.3599, these persons could expect to wait up to 49 years for available visas.

This legislation is supported by the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association and many other interested organizations.

Your consideration and support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Douglas Higginbotham
President and Chief Executive Officer