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Honorable Pat Roberts  
11900 College Blvd., #203  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Dear Senator Roberts:

University Health Physicians would like to express our support of the bipartisan Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act, which would reallocate visas previously authorized by Congress that are currently unused.

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Please let me know if we can provide additional information. We thank you for understanding the critical need for immigrant physicians and nurses to provide much needed medical care in our county.

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Honorable Jerry Moran  
23600 College Blvd., Suite 201  
Olathe, KS 66051

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Honorable Sharice Davids  
753 State Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101

Dear Congresswoman Davids:

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Honorable Roy Blunt  
260 Senate Russell Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Honorable Josh Hawley  
212 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Honorary Emanuel Cleaver II  
2335 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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